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OF THE
SIXTY-FOURTH CONVENTION
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE
DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

HELD IN ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA,
On Tuesday, May 16, Wednesday, May 17, and Thursday, May 18,
1848.

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ROLL
OF THE
CLERGY AND LAY DEPUTIES
WHO COMPOSED THIS CONVENTION.
1847.

CLERGY.

Rt. Rev. A. Potter, D. D.

- “ *William Adderly,
- “ T. G. Allen,
- “ F. W. Beasley,
- “ W. H. Bourns,
- “ S. Bowman, D. D.
- “ G. Boyd, D. D.
- “ C. Breck,
- “ E. Y. Buchanan,
- “ L. Bull, D. D.
- “ W. M. Carmichael, D. D.
- “ *W. J. Clark,
- “ J. C. Clay, D. D.
- “ J. B. Clemson,
- “ *J. H. Coit,
- “ J. Coleman, D. D.
- “ A. S. Colton,
- “ W. C. Cooley,
- “ *S. Cowell,
- “ *T. Crumpton,
- “ R. Davis,
- “ W. N. Diehl,

Rev. B. Dorr, D. D.

- “ J. N. Douglass,
- “ G. C. Drake,
- “ H. W. Ducachet, D. D.
- “ G. E. Durborow,
- “ *H. Dyer, D. D.
- “ G. G. Field,
- “ W. Flint,
- “ J. H. Fowles,
- “ *R. D. Hall,
- “ A. D. Hard,
- “ N. S. Harris,
- “ G. E. Hare, D. D.
- “ S. Hazlehurst,
- “ H. T. Hiester,
- “ W. J. Hilton,
- “ J. W. Hoffman,
- “ G. P. Hopkins,
- “ M. Hirst,
- “ M. A. De W. Howe,
- “ N. M. Jones,
- “ G. Kirke,

Rev. F. Lane,
 “ E. Leaf,
 “ M. C. Lightner,
 “ J. Long,
 “ S. T. Lord,
 “ J. H. Marsden,
 “ B. A. Marple,
 “ J. G. Maxwell,
 “ E. Mendenhall,
 “ T. H. Michell,
 “ G. Mintzer,
 “ R. U. Morgan, D. D.
 “ H. E. Montgomery,
 “ B. W. Morris,
 “ H. J. Morton, D. D.
 “ J. P. Nash,
 “ G. W. Natt,
 “ E. Neville, D. D.
 “ R. Newton,
 “ W. H. Norris,
 “ W. H. Odenheimer,
 “ F. Ogilby,
 “ W. S. Perkins,
 “ W. Preston,
 “ A. Prior,
 “ T. H. Quinan,

Rev. J. Reynolds,
 “ G. W. Ridgely,
 “ J. Rodney,
 “ J. M. Rogers,
 “ P. Russell,
 “ G. Sheets,
 “ J. H. Smith,
 “ R. Smith,
 “ H. S. Spackman,
 “ T. A. Starkey,
 “ N. Stem,
 “ K. J. Stewart,
 “ W. Suddards,
 “ W. L. Suddards,
 “ M. R. Talbot,
 “ H. Tullidge,
 “ G. Upfold, D. D.
 “ P. Van Pelt,
 “ John A. Vaughan, D. D.
 “ H. H. Weld,
 “ W. White,
 “ B. Wilson, D. D.
 “ C. Wiltberger, Jr.
 “ E. Woodward,
 “ T. C. Yarnall,

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LAY DEPUTIES.

*Thomas Ashburner,
 Lewis R. Ashhurst,
 Hamilton Alricks,
 Thomas Allibone,
 William Alexander,

John P. Aertsen,
 Dr. J. M. Allen,
 James M. Aertsen,
 Frederick B. Backus,
 Edward C. Biddle,

Alexander Brown,
 *Simmons H. Barrett,
 William Ball,
 *Joseph B. Baker,
 *David Brisbane,
 Thomas K. Bull,
 *Dr. J. Brunner,
 Peter Baldy,
 H. L. Bollman,
 *Benj. Brooke,
 *Alexander E. Browne,
 Charles N. Bancker,
 Samuel Breck,
 Giles Boulton,
 George Blight,
 *Wm. D. Brown,
 *Mahlon Brown,
 Henry W. Brinton,
 *Hill Brinton,
 George Breck,
 Thomas M. Charlton,
 *Harry Conrad,
 *Wm. P. Cresson,
 Herman Cope,
 John W. Claghorn,
 *Dr. Isaac Davis,
 Edward Davies,
 Jacob P. Donaldson,
 Samuel N. Davies,
 Dr. Wm. Darlington,
 Dr. Robley Dunglison,
 Lambert Duy,
 *Wm. A. Dubosq,
 James M. Davis,
 *Wm. H. Duffield,
 *Nathaniel Ellmaker,
 Thomas Evans,
 George Fox,

*Edward Foard,
 *John Fildes,
 John L. Goddard,
 *Chas. F. Gebler, M. D.,
 *Edmund Green,
 John D. George,
 *Samuel Gormley,
 *Joseph Gest,
 *John Gray,
 *Wm. S. Hill,
 Robert Henderson,
 John S. Haverstick,
 Henry Hay,
 *Isaac Hiester, M. D.,
 Francis Hoskins,
 James Y. Humphreys,
 *James Humphrey,
 *George Hogg,
 John Holmes,
 Edward Helfenstein,
 Alexander L. Hayes,
 George Helmuth,
 George Harrison,
 Robert E. Hobart,
 *William Harmer.
 Charles W. Harrison,
 *William B. Jacobs,
 Jon. Jones,
 J. G. Johnson,
 Wm. P. Johnston,
 James Johnson,
 *Benj. Johnson,
 Phineas Jenks,
 *Joseph S. Keen,
 Wm. Kirkham,
 Wm. H. Klapp,
 *James C. Kempton,
 *David D. Lewis,

*Wm. Lilly,
 *Jno. Lambert,
 J. D. Logan,
 Joel Lightner,
 Wm. Letford,
 Lawrence Lewis,
 *Richard P. Lardner,
 James Leonard,
 Dr. Samuel Lewis,
 Ellis Lewis,
 *John S. Littell,
 *L. S. Lardner,
 Caspar Morris, M. D.,
 *Wm. P. Michael,
 James K. Mendenhall,
 *Edward Wm. Mumford,
 William Martin,
 Wm. M. Meredith,
 Richard R. Montgomery,
 James Moore,
 Thomas McSorley,
 Richard McAllister,
 Matthew McPaul,
 *Wilson McCandless,
 Alex. McLeester,
 Isaac Norton,
 *R. C. Nagle,
 *John Paul,
 *Wm. B. Potts,
 Frederick W. Porter,
 Asa Packer,
 Edward Owen Parry,
 *George H. Potts,
 *John N. Purviance,
 *Robert W. Packer,
 Thomas M. Pettit,
 Thomas H. Powers,
 *David Plank,

Geo. W. Pearce,
 *John B. Parker,
 John H. Purdy,
 C. S. Pancoast,
 Cromwell Pearce,
 *Richard J. Rutter,
 William L. Rehn,
 Joseph S. Riley,
 Robert Ralston,
 *Leonard F. Roberts,
 *Andrew Robeson,
 Henry Reed,
 *J. Ripka, Jr.,
 J. Rosencrantz, M. D.,
 Osmon Reed,
 George D. Rembaugh,
 Dr. Edward F. Ribinus,
 Thomas Robins,
 James Ridings,
 Clement S. Rutter,
 Samuel Shafer,
 Levi B. Smith,
 Wm. H. Sayre,
 George M. Stroud,
 James S. Smith,
 James Stewart,
 William Stavely,
 Joseph L. Stichter,
 Samuel Shaw,
 Richard S. Smith,
 H. M. Sheaff,
 Adam Slemmer,
 John Shannon,
 *Theodore R. Sitgraves,
 Cornelius Stevenson,
 Charles M. Stokes,
 W. H. Stokes,
 Samuel Swift,

*Samuel G. Slack,
 Aubrey H. Smith,
 Antes Snyder,
 *A. Thomas,
 Caleb P. Talbot,
 Thomas Thompson,
 *Joshua Townsend,
 John Tucker,
 *Dr. Samuel Thomas,
 *William Trainer,
 G. M. Wharton,
 Thomas C. Williams,
 Samuel Wagner.
 Charles Wheeler,

Charles Wingate,
 Dr. Francis West,
 George R. White,
 W. M. Watts,
 Wm. Wills,
 *Horace E. Wolf,
 Wm. Welsh,
 *Charles R. Webb,
 Peter Williamson,
 James Williams,
 John Yocum,
 *Peter Yocum,
 Isaac Yocom.

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NOTE.—Those whose names are marked thus * were not present at the Convention.

ROLL OF LAY DEPUTIES,

FROM THE SEVERAL CHURCHES OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Allegheny County. Trinity church, City of Pittsburg. George R. White, Samuel Gormley, Wilson McCandless.

St. Andrew's church, city of Pittsburg. George Hogg, John Holmes, H. L. Bollman.

Berks County. St. Gabriel's church, Morlattan. Isaac Yocom. Christ church, Reading. Isaac Hiester, Jos. L. Stichter, Robert W. Packer.

St. Thomas' church, Morgantown. Levi B. Smith, Dr. J. Brunner, David Plank.

Bucks County. St. James the Greater's church. James Johnson, George Breck.

St. Luke's church, Newtown. Dr. Phineas Jenks, R. C. Nagle.

St. Andrew's church, Yardleyville. Wm. D. Brown, Samuel G. Slack, Mahlon Brown.

Grace church, Hulmeville. George Harrison, Samuel Swift, Joshua Townsend.

Trinity church, Centreville. William Stavely.

Carbon County. St. Mark's church, Mauch Chunk. Wm. H. Sayre, Asa Packer, Wm. Lilly.

Chester County. St. John's church, New London township. Thomas M. Charlton, Thomas Ashburner, Edward Foard.

St. Mary's church, Warwick township. Thomas K. Bull, Samuel Shafer, Leonard F. Roberts.

St. Peter's church, Great Valley. Cromwell Pearce, John Tucker.

St. Paul's church, West Whiteland township. Jon'a. Jones, A. Thomas.

St. Andrew's church, West Vincent. James K. Mendenhall, John Paul, Isaac Davis.

St. Mark's church, Honeybrook. John Yocum, Caleb P. Talbot.

Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester. Doctor William Darlington, Dr. Edward F. Rivinus. George W. Pearce.

St. James' church, Downingtown. George D. Rembaugh, James Humphrey.

Christ Church, Danville. Peter Baldy.

Cumberland County. St. John's church, Carlisle. John B. Parker, W. M. Watts, Edward Helfenstein.

Dauphin County. St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg. Hamilton Alricks, Richard McAllister, John N. Purviance.

Delaware County. St. Paul's church, Chester. J. G. Johnson, Samuel Shaw, Dr. J. M. Allen.

St. Martin's church, Lower Chichester township, Marcus Hook. Benjamin F. Johnson, William Trainer, John Gray.

St. John's church, Concord township. Henry W. Brinton, Joseph Gest, Hill Brinton.

St. David's church, Newtown township, Radnor. Isaac Norton, Benjamin Brooke.

Calvary church, Rockdale. John Fildes, Richard S. Smith.

Lancaster County. St. James' church, Lancaster. Ellis Lewis, Alexander L. Hayes, Nathaniel Ellmaker.

Christ church, Leacock. Richard S. Rutter, Thomas McSorley, David Brisbane.

Bangor church, Caernarvon township, Churchtown. Edward Davies, Andrew Robeson, William B. Jacobs.

All Saints' church, Paradise. Joel Lightner, Joseph Boyd Baker, William P. Michael.

Montgomery County. St. Thomas' church, Whitmarsh township. H. M. Sheaff.

St. John's church, Norristown. Adam Slemmer, John Shannon, William Wills.

Christ church, Pottstown. Robert E. Hobart, Antes Snyder. Northampton County. Trinity church, Easton. Theodore R. Sitgreaves, Alexander E. Brown, Horace E. Wolf.

Northumberland County. St. Matthew's church, Sunbury. William P. Johnston, John H. Purdy.

Philadelphia County. Christ church, Philadelphia. Wm. M. Meredith, Dr. Francis West, James Y. Humphreys.

St. Peter's church, Philadelphia. James S. Smith, Henry Reed, Lawrence Lewis.

St. James' church, Philadelphia. G. M. Wharton, Robert Ralston, T. M. Pettit.

St. Paul's church, Philadelphia. John D. George, Samuel N. Davies, William Alexander.

St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia. Charles N. Bancker, William Kirkham, Dr. Robley Dunglison.

St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia. Cornelius Stevenson, Thomas Robins, Lambert Duy.

Grace church, Philadelphia. Herman Cope, John W. Claghorn, Francis Hoskins.

Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia. John P. Aertsen, Dr. Samuel Lewis, William Martin.

St. Luke's church, Philadelphia. Samuel Breck, William Welsh, James M. Aertsen.

Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia. Lewis R. Ashurst, Frederick W. Porter, Caspar Morris, M. D.

Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia. Edward C. Biddle, John L. Goddard, Wm. L. Rehn.

St. John's church, Northern Liberties. Henry Hay, Wm. Lettford, Dr. Charles F. Gebler.

Advent church, Northern Liberties. Frederick R. Backus, J. S. Haverstick, Joseph S. Riley.

All Saints' church, Moyamensing. James Moore, Richard R. Montgomery, James Ridings.

Church of the Evangelists, Southwark. Giles Boulton, Charles R. Webb, William A. Dubosq.

Trinity church, Southwark. Peter Williamson, Clement S. Rutter, William H. Klapp.

Gloria Dei church, Southwark. James Stewart, Peter Yocum, Alexander McLeester.

St. Philip's church, Spring Garden. Thos. H. Powers, Harry Conrad, Wm. P. Cresson.

Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden. Thomas Thompson, James M. Davis, Thomas Evans.

Church of the Redemption, Spring Garden. James Leonard, Osmon Reed, Charles Wingate.

Church of the Messiah, Port Richmond. Robert Henderson, William Ball.

St. James' church, Kingsessing. Wm. Harmer, Dr. Samuel Thomas, Aubrey H. Smith.

St. Matthew's church, Francisville. G. M. Stroud, John Lambert, J. D. Logan.

St. James the Less church, North Penn township. James C. Kempton, George Blight, George Helmuth.

All Saints' church, Lower Dublin township. Charles W. Harrison, Lawrence S. Lardner.

Emanuel church, Holmesburg. Alex. Brown, George Fox, Simmons H. Barrett.

Trinity church, Oxford township. Edmund Green, Richard P. Lardner.

St. Mark's church, Frankford. James Williams, Wm. H. Duffield, C. S. Pancoast.

St. Luke's church, Germantown. John S. Littell, Charles M. Stokes, W. H. Stokes.

Emmanuel church, Kensington. Jacob P. Donaldson, Matthew McPaul, Edward Wm. Mumford.

St. Mary's church, West Philadelphia. Thomas Allibone, Joseph S. Keen, Charles Wheeler.

St. David's church, Manayunk. J. Ripka, Jr., Samuel Wagner, J. Rosencrantz.

Schuylkill County. Trinity church, Pottsville. Edward Owen Parry, Thos. C. Williams, George H. Potts.

St. James' church, Schuylkill Haven. Wm. B. Potts, Wm. S. Hill, David D. Lewis.

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PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH. }
Tuesday, May 16th, A. D. 1848, 5 o'clock, P. M. }

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the Right Rev. Alonzo Potter, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, with several clergymen and Lay Deputies, attended at St. Andrew's Church.

The chair being taken by the Bishop, the Convention proceeded to organize.

A list of the Clergy entitled to seats was called over by the Secretary, and the following answered to their names, viz :

Rev. J. G. Allen,	Rev. Samuel Hazlehurst,
" W. H. Bourns,	" H. T. Heister,
" Samuel Bowman, D. D.	" Jno. W. Hoffman,
" George Boyd, D. D.	" G. P. Hopkins,
" E. Y. Buchanan,	" M. Hirst,
" Levi Bull, D. D.	" A. DeW. Howe,
" W. M. Carmichael, D. D.	" Edmund Leaf,
" J. C. Clay, D. D.	" J. G. Maxwell,
" J. B. Clemson,	" R. U. Morgan, D. D.
" John Coleman, D. D.	" H. E. Montgomery,
" A. S. Colton,	" B. W. Morris,
" Wm. C. Cooley,	" H. J. Morton, D. D.
" Benj. Dorr, D. D.	" J. P. Nash,
" J. N. Douglass,	" G. W. Natt,
" H. W. Ducachet, D. D.	" R. Newton,
" Geo. G. Field,	" W. H. Odenheimer,
" W. Flint,	" F. Ogilby,
" J. H. Fowles,	" A. Prior,
" N. S. Harris,	" T. H. Quinan,
" G. Emlen Hare, D. D.	" J. Reynolds,

Rev. Jno. Rodney,
 “ J. M. Rogers,
 “ Peter Russell,
 “ G. Sheets,
 “ J. H. Smith,
 “ R. Smith,
 “ H. S. Späckman,
 “ T. A. Starkey,

Rev. Nathan Stem,
 “ Wm. Suddards,
 “ W. L. Suddards,
 “ M. R. Talbot,
 “ Henry Tullidge,
 “ P. Van Pelt,
 “ Thos. C. Yarnall,

The following Lay Deputies presented certificates of their appointment, which being in the form prescribed by the Canon, their names were recorded, and being called, they answered to their names and took their seats, viz :

L. R. Ashurst,
 T. Allibone,
 W. Alexander,
 J. P. Aertsen,
 J. M. Aertsen,
 F. B. Backus,
 E. C. Biddle,
 A. Brown,
 P. Baldy,
 H. L. Bollman,
 G. Boulton,
 G. Blight,
 H. Cope,
 J. W. Claghorn,
 E. Davies,
 J. P. Donaldson,
 Dr. W. Darlington,
 Dr. R. Dungleison,
 L. Duy,
 J. M. Davis,
 T. Evans,
 J. D. George,
 R. Henderson,
 J. S. Haverstick,
 H. Hay,

F. Hoskins,
 J. Y. Humphreys,
 J. Holmes,
 E. Helfenstein,
 A. L. Hayes,
 G. Helmuth,
 W. P. Johnston,
 W. Kirkham,
 W. H. Klapp,
 J. D. Logan,
 J. Lightner,
 W. Letford,
 L. Lewis,
 Dr. S. Lewis,
 E. Lewis,
 W. Martin,
 W. M. Meredith,
 J. Moore,
 R. R. Montgomery,
 A. McLeester,
 T. McSorley,
 R. McAllister,
 M. McPaul,
 I. Norton,
 F. W. Porter,

A. Packer,
 T. H. Powers,
 G. W. Pearce,
 T. M. Pettit,
 J. H. Purdy,
 W. L. Rehn,
 J. S. Riley,
 R. Ralston,
 O. Reed,
 H. Reed,
 J. Rosencrantz, M. D.
 Dr. E. F. Rivinus,
 T. Robins,
 J. Ridings,
 C. S. Rutter,
 S. Shafer,
 L. B. Smith,
 W. H. Sayre,
 G. M. Stroud,
 J. S. Smith,

J. Stewart,
 W. Stavelly,
 J. L. Stichter,
 S. Shaw,
 R. S. Smith,
 H. M. Sheaff,
 J. Shannon,
 C. Stevenson,
 C. M. Stokes,
 T. Thompson,
 G. M. Wharton,
 T. C. Williams,
 S. Wagner,
 C. Wheeler,
 Dr. F. West,
 G. R. White,
 W. M. Watts,
 P. Williamson,
 J. Williams,
 I. Yocum.

The Convention then, on motion, proceeded to choose a Secretary and Assistant Secretary. The Rev. P. Van Pelt, and Geo. M. Wharton, a Lay Deputy from St. James' Church, Phila., were respectively nominated for the office of Secretary. The Rev. Dr. Dorr, and the Rev. Mr. Howe were appointed Tellers, to receive the votes of the Clergy, and Drs. Darlington and West, Tellers, to receive the votes of the Lay Representations. The Tellers reported, that the whole number of votes cast, was, of the Clergy, 58, and of the Lay Representations, 51, and of these, that G. M. Wharton had received 38 clerical votes, and 37 Lay votes respectively, and the Rev. Mr. Van Pelt, 20 clerical votes and 14 Lay votes. Mr. Wharton was thereupon declared to be duly elected Secretary.

The Convention then proceeded to elect an Assistant Secretary; and the Rev. Wm. H. Odenheimer was nominated for that office. There being no other nomination, the balloting was, according to rule, dispensed with; and the Rev. Mr. Oden-

heimer was duly elected, viva voce, to the office of Assistant Secretary.

It was then Resolved, that the House shall hold two sessions every day, viz: from 9 o'clock A. M. to 2 o'clock P. M., and from 5 o'clock P. M. to 7 o'clock P. M., provided that it shall not meet on Wednesday morning until 10 o'clock.

It was also Resolved, that Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church belonging to this Diocese, and not entitled to seats in this Convention; and Clergymen not belonging to this Diocese; and Clergymen of the Church of England or of her colonies; and Students of Divinity of the Episcopal Church; now in this city, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

The Secretary then read the Rules of Order from the Revised Regulations as follows:

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer, prescribed by the Bishop.

2. When the president takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the president, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.

7. While the president is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.

8. Every member who shall be in the house when any ques-

tion is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

9. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded and reduced to writing when required.

10. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before anything new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.

11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

12. When the house is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the president leave the chair.

On motion of the Secretary, a Committee on Elections was appointed by the chair, viz: Messrs. Pettit, S. Wagner and Rivinus.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Dorr, it was resolved to suspend the first section of the first of the Revised Regulations, in order to appoint a Committee on Charters, and on unfinished business. The Bishop accordingly appointed, as Committee on Charters, Rev. Mr. Harris, and Messrs. Hayes, A. Brown and Rosencrantz, and as a Committee on unfinished business, Rev. Dr. Morgan and Rev. Messrs. Rogers and Cooley.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Morton, a Committee was also appointed to receive and report upon the claims of Clergymen to seats in the Convention, Rev. Dr. Morton, and Rev. Messrs. Howe and Flint were appointed the Committee.

Mr. Riley moved that the Committee appointed at the last Convention to report upon certain proposed amendments to the Constitution, be directed to print their Report for the use of the members of the Convention, but the motion was lost.

The Rev. Dr. Ducachet moved, as a 13th Rule of Order, "that no one of the foregoing Rules of Order be suspended unless by a vote of two-thirds of the house." This motion prevailed, and the rule was adopted. The Rev. Dr. Bull moved to reconsider the proposition, but the Convention refused to reconsider, and thereupon adjourned until 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning, to attend Divine Service.

G. M. WHARTON, Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH. }
 Wednesday, May 17th, A. D. 1848, 10 o'clock A. M. }

The Convention met, and attended divine service. Morning prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Flint, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Natt, who read the lessons. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Yarnall. The Bishop having appointed this morning for the ordination of Messrs. Parvin, Miller, and Clotworthy to the order of the Priesthood, proceeded with the ordination service. The Rev. Mr. Howe presented the Rev. Messrs. Parvin and Miller, and the Rev. Mr. Flint presented the Rev. Mr. Clotworthy. The Rev. Messrs. Flint, Natt, Yarnall and Howe united with the Bishop in the laying on of hands.

The Convention was called to order after service. The roll was then called, and the minutes of yesterday P. M. read and approved.

The following Clergymen entitled to seats, and not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats, viz. : the Rev. Messrs. Beasley, Breck, Diehl, Drake, Durborow, Hard, Hilton, Jones, Kirke, Lane, Long, Mendenhall, Mintzer, Perkins, Stewart, Upfold, Weld and Wiltberger.

And the following Lay Deputies, viz. : Allen, H. W. Brinton, Bancker, Breck, Charlton, Goddard, Harrison, Hobart, Jones, Johnson, Jenks, Mendenhall, Parry, Pancoast, Rembaugh, Slemmer, Swift, Wills and John Yocum, not present yesterday, and entitled to seats, appeared, having presented their proper certificates, and took their seats.

The Bishop appointed the Rev. Messrs. Stem and Breck as the two remaining members of the Committee on Charters, accidentally omitted to be appointed yesterday.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Morgan, it was Resolved, that the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rev. Mr. Yarnall, for his interesting and appropriate sermon preached this morning.

The Committee on unfinished business presented the following Report :

The Committee on unfinished business respectfully report, that they find on the Journal of the last Convention the following subjects of this class.

1st, pp. 54 and 55.—Preamble and resolutions presented by the Rev. Mr. Cooley, in relation to "A Church building

Society," which, on motion of the same Rev. gentleman, were laid on the table.

2d, pp. 57—58.—The Report of a Committee appointed at the preceding Convention, to inquire into "the propriety of requesting the Bishop of this Diocese" to ordain Deacons under the provisions of the 6th Canon of the General Convention, 1844, with a resolution attached recommending the same, which, on motion of Rev. Mr. Suddards, p. 70, "was postponed until the meeting of the next General Convention."

3d, p. 78.—The Report of the Committee—the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, Chairman—to whom were referred certain proposed alterations of the 6th Article of the Constitution of the Diocese; "and also to inquire what other amendments to the Constitution it may be expedient to submit to the consideration of the Convention."

And further, p. 80, to whom was submitted the resolution of the Rev. Mr. Bourns, to inquire whether it would be expedient so to alter the 9th Canon of the Diocese, as to elect annually only two clerical members and two lay members of the Standing Committee.

R. U. MORGAN, Chairman.

F. M. ROGERS,

WM. C. COOLEY.

The Committee on Elections reported as follows:

To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

The Committee to whom were referred the testimonials of the lay deputations, respectfully report,

That they have examined the testimonials referred to them, and, with the exceptions hereinafter mentioned, find them to be in due form, and properly authenticated.

The Committee observe, that the certificate signed by the Warden of St. James' Church, Kingsessing, does not state that each deputy named in it "is and has also been for not less than six months before the time of his election, a worshipper in the church or parish he is deputed to represent."

As the 13th Canon requires that the certificate shall contain such a clause, and declares that "no other certificate or evidence

of the appointment of any Lay Deputy or Deputies to the Convention of this Diocese, shall be allowed or received, the Committee are obliged to report that the certificate is not in due form.

It appears, however, that on the 16th instant, Aubrey H. Smith, Esq., one of the deputies named in the paper, certified at the foot of it "that each of the above named deputies have been worshippers in the said St. James' Church of Kingsessing for more than six months previous to the date of the certificate."

The Committee believe that it is not competent to them to do more on this point than report this fact to the Convention.

The Committee further observe that the certificate for Lay Deputies from Christ Church, Meadville, does not contain the required clause relating to not less than six months worship in the church or parish; and also that it is signed by "W. W. Dick, Secretary, pro. tem.," though the Canon provides that the appointment of Lay Deputies shall be certified in writing by a Warden or two Vestrymen.

The Committee are compelled, therefore, to report that this certificate is not in due form, and is not properly authenticated.

It appears, however, that the Rev. Dr. Carmichael, Rector of said church, has added to the original paper his certificate, "that the said Deputies are now and have been for not less than six calendar months next before their election, worshippers in the said Christ Church, Meadville.

The Committee in this, as in the former instance, are of opinion that their powers are exhausted when they report to the Convention the evidence furnished on this point.

T. M. PETTIT,

For the Committee.

Philadelphia, May 17, 1848.

The Committee appointed at the last Convention to consider and report upon certain proposed amendments to the Constitution, made Report, through the Rev. Dr. Dorr, as follows:

The Committee appointed at the last Diocesan Convention, (see Journal p. 78,) to consider and report on proposed alterations of the Constitution, and also to consider and report on a proposed alteration of the 9th Canon of the Church in this Diocese, (see Journal p. 80,) beg leave to report:—

That, in the opinion of your Committee, the proposed alteration of the 9th Canon would be inexpedient.

They also think that the amendment proposed of the 7th article of the Constitution, (see Journal p. 77,) would not be expedient.

In reference to the proposition for amending the 6th article of the Constitution, (see Journal p. 78,) your Committee would respectfully recommend the following resolution, viz. :

Resolved, That the first three lines of the second paragraph of the 6th article of the Constitution be stricken out, and, in place thereof, there be inserted as follows :—

“All officers and committees appointed by ballot must, in order to their election, receive a majority of the whole number of votes cast at such election by each order, provided that there shall be no election unless there are present at the time a majority of the clerical members and a majority of the lay representations, who shall have appeared during the session and been admitted to seats ; and such election, excepting that of the secretary and assistant secretary of the Convention, shall be held at five o'clock in the afternoon of the second day of the session.”

Your Committee do not deem it expedient to recommend any further alterations of the Constitution.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. POTTER, *Chairman*.

Philadelphia, May 16th, 1848.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Dorr, the Report was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A.M. The Rev. Dr. Bull, from the minority of the same Committee, upon leave presented a Report as follows :

Proposed instead of Article Fourth of the Constitution of this Diocese.

SEC. I. The Convention shall be composed of clergymen and laymen. The Bishop and assistant Bishop, shall have a seat and vote in Convention. Every clergyman of the church, of whatever order, if he has been actually and personally, as well as canonically resident in this diocese, for the space of calendar months, next before the meeting of the Convention ; Deacons ordained under the 6th Canon of 44 of General Convention excepted, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in this Convention : Provided that

any temporary absence, by reason of sickness, and any absence not exceeding two calendar months in one year, and any further absence, with the written permission of the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese, shall be taken into account in computing the said residence.

SEC. II. No church shall be admitted a member of this Convention, which does not by its charter or articles of association expressly recognize and accede to the constitution and canons; the doctrine of the church as set forth in her articles, and the discipline and worship of the church, as set forth in the Liturgy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States; and to the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this diocese.

SEC. III. Each regularly established Protestant Episcopal church in this diocese, now a member, or which shall hereafter be admitted a member of the Convention, may send to the Convention lay deputy, provided that no person shall be competent to serve as a deputy, unless he has been a professing member and worshipper in the church he represents calendar months next before his election.

LEVI BULL.

Upon the Rev. Dr. Bull's motion, the Report of the Committee, as well as the Minority Report, were ordered to be printed, and the latter made the order of the day for to-morrow, along with the former.

Mr. James S. Smith presented the following:

CANON IX.

Of the Standing Committee, (page 28 of the edition of 1844.)

Strike out the first section, and substitute the following therefor.

Section First.—The Standing Committee shall consist of five of the clergy and five of the laity, who shall be chosen by the Convention, by ballot, by the concurrent vote of the members of each order. At the first meeting of the said committee after their election in the year the members shall be divided by lot into five classes; each class to consist of one clerical and one lay member. The seats of the members of the first class, shall be vacated at the expiration of the first year,—of the second class

at the expiration of the second year,—of the third class at the expiration of the third year,—of the fourth class at the expiration of the fourth year,—and of the fifth class at the expiration of the fifth year; so that after the year one fifth of the said committee may be chosen every year by the Convention.

Vacancies occurring by death or otherwise, in the said committee shall be supplied by the concurrent vote of the remaining clerical and lay members of the committee;—the person elected by them to continue in office until the next stated Convention, and until another is chosen by the Convention for the unexpired time of the member whose seat had been filled by the Standing Committee.

And on his motion it was also ordered to be printed, and made the order for the same time with the Report upon the proposed amendments of the Constitution.

Rev. Dr. Ducachet moved the following addition to the end of the first section of the first of the Revised Regulations, viz: “and except the appointment of a Committee on Charters, and a committee on unfinished business,” which was agreed to.

The Rev. Dr. Ducachet further moved to rescind the 13th Rule of Order, adopted on his motion yesterday, and to substitute therefore the following.

“13. These Revised Regulations and Rules of Order shall not, at any time, be suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; nor shall any of them be rescinded except upon one day’s notice of an intention to move for their abolishment.” Which was carried.

The Rev. Mr. Harris proposed the following, viz:

Resolved, That Canon III.; Sec. 2, of Canon V.; the last paragraph of 1st Sec., 6th, 7th, and 8th Sections of Canon VI; Canon VII. be repealed, as already found in substance in the general Canons of the Church.

And, on his motion, it was ordered to be printed, and made the order of the day for to-morrow at 11 o’clock, A. M.

The Rev. Mr. Leaf gave notice of his intention to move tomorrow to rescind the 8th of the Revised Regulations.

The Convention then adjourned.

G. M. WHARTON, *Secretary*.

5 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled. The calling of the roll was dispensed with, on motion.

The following Lay Deputies, not before present, appeared, presented their certificates, answered to their names and took their seats, viz: Alrichs, Bull, C. W. Harrison, B. F. Johnson, J. Johnson, Leonard, Aubrey H. Smith, Tucker, W. Welsh, and Wingate.

The minutes of the Morning Session were read and approved.

The Bishop then delivered his Annual Address, as follows :

ADDRESS.

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY,

I desire to congratulate you that we are permitted to assemble once more in Annual Convention, and under circumstances so auspicious. During the last year, the land in which we dwell has been visited most richly with the favours of a bountiful and protecting Providence. While famine and pestilence have been scourging some parts of the world, and while in others the very foundations of civil society have been convulsed, our country has been exempted from these sore trials; and we may well bless God that privileges towards which multitudes in other lands are struggling—perhaps in some instances with rash and suicidal haste,—were long since made ours, through the smiles of Heaven on the wisdom and virtue of our fathers.

Never can we be too thankful that we are able to offer a share in such a heritage as we possess, to the toiling and suffering poor of distant nations; and fervently should our prayers ascend, that we may not be found unworthy at such an eventful crisis in the world's history, of the signal blessings we enjoy; that we may be enabled to set before the nations a bright example of justice, moderation, and piety; and that the mighty revolutions now abroad on the earth, may not, in their progress, be stained by blood and violence, nor in their issue, be other than friendly to the interests of Christianity, and to the greatest happiness of the greatest number of mankind.

As members of the Church of Christ in this Diocese, we have deep reason to be grateful for most of the events of the past year. But one of the clergy of the Diocese has been, during that period, taken from us by death: and he (the Rev. T. C. Breintnall,) was not at the time of his decease a resident of this State, nor had he been for any long period a laborer within its bounds. As a native, however,

of this city, and a missionary for a short time in the interior of the state, he was generally known and beloved among us; and his departure in the meridian of his days, may well admonish us of the extreme uncertainty of life, and of the solemn obligation which rests upon us of being ever ready to answer for our stewardship.

And the same Being whose kind providence has thus shielded the lives of the clergy, has not withheld, we trust, the gracious influences of His Spirit from the people of their charge. In some parts of the Diocese, there has been an evident increase of zeal and activity. A generous interest in the extension of the Gospel, has led to the erection of several new churches, with special reference to the wants of our more destitute population: and funds for the purpose have been supplied with a promptitude and liberality worthy of all praise. A corresponding spirit has been manifested in providing the stated administration of the means of grace within these parishes, as well as in contributing to the necessities of many, which though older, are still feeble.

Among these gratifying tokens of zeal for Christ, and of love for souls with which we have been favored during the last year, I would mention especially the sum of four hundred dollars contributed by an unknown hand—one that would be seen by Him only, who is the searcher of hearts,—with directions that it be applied to the relief of missionaries, in this and other Dioceses, who are laboring under circumstances of peculiar trial and privation. The appropriation has been made in conformity with the directions given; and I desire to record my grateful sense of this instance of unostentatious liberality, not only in duty to the pious donor, but in the fond hope that an example so worthy of imitation may be followed.

Since the last Convention I have been obliged to be absent from my duties within the Diocese for the space of three months. Nearly one month was spent in attending the deliberations of the General Convention which met in the city of New York, in October last: more than a month was employed at the request of the Standing Committee of New York, in performing Episcopal duties within their jurisdiction; and another month has been passed at Boston, in fulfilling an engagement to which I referred in my last address. The remainder of the year has been devoted to active labors in different parts of this Diocese; of which I shall give on this occasion but a summary.

Of the whole number of parishes in the Diocese, being about one hundred and twenty, I have officiated in about *one hundred*. I have also held services in the following places, at which there were no

parishes in union with this Convention, viz., Morgan's Corners, (Delaware co. ;) Waterstreet, (Huntingdon co. ;) Brown's Mills and Lock's Mills, (Mifflin co. ;) Tunckhannock, (Wyoming co. ;) Great Bend, (Susquehanna co. ;) Tioga Village, (Tioga co. ;) Coudersport, (Potter co. ;) Smethport, (McKean co. ;) Warren, (Warren co. ;) Greenville, (Mercer co. ;) Columbia, (Lancaster co. ;) Summit, (Carbon co.,) and Tuscarora, (Schuylkill co.,) making in all one hundred and fourteen points at which I have officiated. In some cases these visits were made without the requisite canonical notice, and confirmations, of course, were not to be expected. During this period I have preached on one hundred and sixty-five different occasions, addressed the candidates whenever confirmation was administered, catechised and addressed the children in many of the parishes, baptized thirteen infants, solemnized seven marriages, attended several funerals, and administered the communion to one sick person in private. I have administered confirmation on *five* different occasions in private to persons who were sick, and have held confirmations in public on *seventy-two occasions*.

I have also *ordained eighteen clergymen, consecrated four churches, laid the corner stones of four churches*, officiated at the reopening of two churches which have been materially enlarged and improved, admitted *eight candidates* for orders, *received* from other Dioceses *twelve clergymen*, and *dismissed fourteen*.

The CONFIRMATIONS, embracing in all six hundred and six persons, have been as follows :—

1847, May 23d, St. James', Kingsessing, 3 ; May 23d, Church of the Redemption, 13 ; May 30th, St. James', Philadelphia, 5 ; June 6th, St. James', Perkiomen, 6 ; June 11th, Penn Township, in private, 1 ; June 20th, St. David's, Radnor, 4 ; July 2d, St. John's, Huntingdon, 6 ; July 4th, St. Mark's, Lewistown, 5 ; July 7th, St. Johns', Belfont, 5 ; July 8th, St. John's, Bellefonte, 1 ; July 11th, St. James', Schuylkill Haven, 3 ; July 14th, St. John's, Salem, 3 ; July 15th, Grace, Honesdale, 3 ; July 15th, Trinity, Carbondale, 3 ; July 16th, St. Mark's, New Milford, 4 ; July 18th, St. Paul's, Montrose, 6 ; July 18th, St. Andrew's, Springville, 8 ; July 22d, Athens, 8 ; Aug. 15th, St. Paul's, Wellsboro, 12 ; Aug. 17th, Smethport, 1 ; Aug. 22d, St. Paul's, Erie, 7 ; Aug. 23d, Christ's Church, Meadville, 22 in public, 2 in private, total 24 ; Aug. 25th, St. Peter's, Butler, 1 ; Aug. 27th, St. Paul's, Kittanning, 17 ; Aug. 28th, Trinity, Freeport, 6 ;

Aug. 31st; Trinity, Connelville, 10; Sept. 1st, St. Peter's, Uniontown, 7; Sept. 2d, Christ's, Brownsville, 2; Sept. 5th, Calvary Church, Philadelphia, 3; Sept. 5th, Church of the Crucifixion, 5; Sept. 8th, one sick person in private; Sept. 17th, Christ Church, Philadelphia, 1; Sept. 19th, St. James the Less, Schuylkill Falls, 1; Sept. 30th, one sick person in private; Oct. 1st, St. Peter's, Philadelphia, 2; Oct. 3d, St. Peter's, Phoenixville, 5; Nov. 10th, one sick person in private; Dec. 6th, one sick person in private; Dec. 8th, Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg, 3.

1848, Jan. 30th, Christ Church, Reading, 5; Feb. 15th, All Saints', Moyamensing, 15, and one in private,—16; March 5th, Church of the Ascension, 10, and 2 not of the parish,—12; March 6th, St. Mary's, West Philadelphia, 3; March 8th, Gloria Dei, 10, and one in private,—11; March 9th, St. James', Downingtown, 3; March 10th, Christ Church, Leacock, 6; March 11th, All Saints', Paradise, 6; March 12th, St. James', Lancaster, 12; March 15th, Christ's Church, Adams co., 3; March 16th, St. John's, York, 13; March 19th, St. James the Less, Schuylkill Falls, 16; March 19th, St. Luke's, Germantown, 22; March 26th, Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden, 12; March 26th, Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia, 11; April 4th, Emmanuel Church, Kensington, 15; April 5th, St. James', Philadelphia, 11, being the second confirmation within the year; April 5th, St. Paul's, Philadelphia, 13; April 18th, St. Thomas', Philadelphia, 10; April 19th, St. John's, N. L., 4; April 20th, St. Philip's, Spring Garden, 24, and 2 not of the parish,—26; April 21st, Christ's Church, Philadelphia, 15; April 21st, Grace Church, Philadelphia, 12; April 22d, St. Peter's, Philadelphia, 23, and 4 not of the parish,—27; April 23d, Easter day, St. Luke's, Philadelphia, 15; April 23d, St. David's, Manayunk, 9; April 23d; Evg. Trinity, Southwark, 28; April 24th, St. James the Less, Bristol, 9; April 25th, St. Andrew's, Yardleyville, 2; April 27th, Trinity, Centreville, 1; April 28th, Trinity, Easton, 3; May 7th, St. Stephen's, Philadelphia, 17; May 7th, Church of the Evangelists, 2; May 12th, Church of the Epiphany, 3, being a second confirmation within the year; May 14th, A.M., St. Thomas', Whitemarsh, 7; P.M., Swede's Church, Upper Merion, 6; evg., St. John's Church, Norristown, 22.

The ORDINATIONS have been as follows; to the *Diaconate* eight candidates have been admitted, viz: at St. James' Church, Philadel-

phia, on Sunday, June 27th, Mr. John W. Shackelford and Mr. Robert J. Parvin. The former has been officiating since his admission, in the Diocese of Massachusetts, and the latter has become Rector of Christ's Church, Towanda;—On Sunday, September 19th, at St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia, Mr. Lester Janes, who was formerly a minister of the Methodist connection, and who has since taken a letter dimissory to the Diocese of Ohio;—On Thursday, October 28th, at St. Philip's Church in Spring Garden, Mr. Daniel S. Miller, who has been chosen rector of the newly organized parish of St. Jude in Spring Garden;—On Sunday, February 6th, at St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, Mr. Benjamin J. Douglass, who is acting as deacon and assistant to the rector of that parish, and also as an instructor in the Protestant Episcopal Academy;—On Sunday, March 5th, at the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia, Mr. Richard S. Trapier, who has since been assisting the rector of that church;—and on Wednesday, April 5th, at St. James' Church, Philadelphia, Mr. Samuel Randall and Mr. Rees C. Evans. Mr. Evans has become the minister of the newly organized parish of Zion Church at Tuscarora and missionary in the adjacent districts.

It is proper to state further, that in the case of two of these deacons, Mr. Douglass and Mr. Trapier, the ordinary license to preach has been withheld. This course was adopted in conformity with the wishes of the candidates themselves, and as the result of deep conviction on my part, that the ultimate usefulness of our younger clergy will be materially promoted if they pass a large portion of their diaconate in the parishes and under the supervision of the elder clergy.

To the *Priesthood* the ordinations have been nine, as follows :

On Sunday, June 13th, at St. Mark's Church, Frankford, the Rev. Henry S. Spackman, deacon and minister of that church. On Sunday, June 27th, at St. James' Church, Philadelphia, the Rev. David H. Macurdy and the Rev. Alexander G. Mercer, who since have both removed from the diocese. On Thursday, July 22d, in a chapel at Athens, Bradford Co., the Rev. Barclay A. Smith, deacon and missionary in that place. Mr. S. has since resigned, and is now absent from the country. On Friday, November 12th, at Christ's Church, Philadelphia, the Rev. Joseph H. Smith, missionary in charge of the Bishop White Chapel in the Northern Liberties, and

the Rev. H. Hastings Weld, Rector of St. James' Church, Downingtown. On Sunday, February 20th, at St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, the Rev. George A. Durborow, rector and missionary of the new parish at Fairmount, and on this day in your presence, the Rev. Robert J. Parvin, minister of Christ Church, Towanda;—The Rev. Daniel S. Miller, rector elect of St. Jude's parish, Spring Garden, and the Rev. Wm. Clotworthy, missionary in Clearfield Co.

THE CHURCHES CONSECRATED are as follows.

At Kittanning, Armstrong Co., on Friday the 27th of August, the new edifice erected by the congregation of St. Paul's Church, in place of one which was destroyed by a tornado two years previous;—In Moyamensing, on Thursday, January 27th, All Saints' Church; In Port Richmond, on Easter Monday, (April 26th,) the Church of the Messiah; and in Tuscarora, on Sunday, April 30th, Zion Church. The consecration of these churches has been attended by circumstances of unusual interest and of the happiest promise. In the first place *they have been free from debt*. No tax has been left to be discharged by posterity. No sanction has been given to the criminal practice of incurring pecuniary responsibilities, without a clear prospect of being able to meet and discharge them; and no hazard has been incurred, that places once set apart for the performance of religious offices shall be wrested from their sacred purpose by the violent though righteous hand of the law. And it is due to five other parishes which have completed church edifices within the last year, to state that not having discharged as yet all their liabilities, they have not asked that these edifices should be devoted to the exclusive possession and service of the Most High.

Thanks to this manly and Christian spirit. It is shared also by several of our older parishes which have long been pressed down by the incubus of debts, and which are now employed in strenuous efforts to disengage themselves. The Diocese is thus engaged in the two-fold work of erecting new churches, and of discharging the pecuniary obligations resting on old ones. The work though arduous is advancing with much spirit, and I look forward with confidence to a day not far distant when we can point to all the consecrated edifices of the Church in this Diocese—as free from the reproach of indebtedness.

Another characteristic of the churches built within the last year,

and one to which I would refer with much satisfaction, is *the simple and appropriate style of their architecture, and the moderate degree of expense at which they have been raised and finished*. In a country where population increases at such a fearful rate, where the capital which gives it employment is so limited, and where it is unspeakably important that the means of grace should multiply much more rapidly, I should deprecate as unfriendly alike to the extension and the simplicity of our faith, the growth of a taste which demanded gorgeous and magnificent structures for worship. More of graceful forms and convenient arrangements we may well desire; but they are by no means incompatible with simplicity and frugality. The church at Port Richmond for example, which has nearly 650 sittings, and was built at a cost of some \$6000—deserves to be studied as a model of simple elegance; and the achievement of such a building at an expense so limited, reflects the highest credit as well on those who planned and superintended it, as on those whose generous contributions supplied the means. Long may this Diocese be known for her zeal and munificence in planting churches among the destitute, rather than for her prodigality in rearing splendid edifices, where art shall undertake to supersede the appropriate office of the pulpit and the desk,—and where piety shall be measured by the expensiveness of its solitary offerings, rather than by the diffusiveness of its unostentatious charities. At the same time I desire to do merited honor to the better taste in church architecture which is gaining ground among us, and which is raising some new and beautiful monuments of its frugality, as well as of its refinement.

A third characteristic of most of the churches which I have consecrated, and of several others now in progress, is that *they are offerings to the cause of missions*. The church at Tuscarora stands in the midst of the mining district in Schuylkill county, distant several miles from any other place of worship, and it has been built at the sole expense of a benevolent churchman in this city, for the benefit of the surrounding and increasing population. All Saints' Church, Moyamensing, is the fruit of an ardent desire, conceived years ago by a few of the members of our older churches, to establish a parish in that neglected District, and it has been erected almost exclusively by the contributions of the benevolent. The same is true of the Church of the Messiah at Port Richmond—of the Church of the Redemption at Fairmount, which is not yet finished, and to a considerable though less

degree of the ehurehes at Minersville and Doylestown, which though finished, are not yet conseerated. The new and noble building which has been raised by the parish at Pottsville, is likewise, under God, the result of a purpose long cherished and devotedly followed up, of opening accommodations for the foreign labourers, who are erowding into that town and its vicinity. In addition to liberal subscriptions among the members of the eongregation, considerable sums have been given from abroad, and these have been devoted to the purchase of pews, whieh are always to remain free. It deserves to be notieed as an arrangement peeuiliarly worthy of imitation, that these pews instead of being located together in the remotest and least attraetive part of the building, where their oocupants would feel more sensibly their dependence on eharity, and be in the same proportion more exposed to the invidious remarks of others, are distributed through every part of the building. This arrangement must contribute as well to the orderly and edifying administration of the services, as to the promotion of a healthy feeling of Christian brotherhood.

In concluding my notice of ehureh building in the dioeese, I ought not to omit the enlargement of the ehurehes at Reading and Erie, as enterprises which reflect great credit on the liberality of the respective eongregations.

The interior of the ehureh at Reading is worthy of all eommendation, as a speeimen of chaste and beautiful workmanship.

FIVE CORNER-STONES of ehurches, have been laid within the year, with appropriate solemnities, viz : by myself, at Port Richmond, on Monday, June 28th ; at Pottsville, on Sunday afternoon, July 11th ; at Salem, Wayne eounty, on Wednesday afternoon, July 14th ; in Philadelphia, for the new parish of St. Mark's, on Easter Tuesday, April 25th ; and, also, one by the Rev. Mr. Natt, at Northumberland, in October last, during a meeting of the Convocation of Northern and Central Pennsylvania. Each of these buildings, with the exeption of that at Pottsville, is to be in districts where we have had, as yet, no ehureh edifiee.

In addition to these evidenees of ehureh extension, I would add, that several new fields for missionary labor have been oocupied within the year. The Rev. Mr. Smith, who has been disabled for two years past from discharging clerical duty, finding his health partially restored

during the last summer, established himself by my advice and consent at Greenville, Mercer co., and has been officiating for the last nine months between that place and Newcastle, in Butler county. Both these are rising villages, situated on the Erie Extension Canal, and in the midst of a thriving and beautiful country.

The Rev. Wm. Clotworthy, from the diocese of Ohio, has been acting as missionary in Clearfield co., and its vicinity, holding stated services at the village of Clearfield, at Phillipsburg, at Morrisdale, and at Curwensville. The Rev. S. T. Carpenter has become a missionary in the eastern part of Lancaster co., and is to derive his support from the liberality of a benevolent lady in that vicinity. The Rev. Dr. Vaughan has taken temporary charge of a mission, established, some time since, in the south-western part of this city, which seems to promise much good. The Rev. E. C. Jones is officiating in Southwark, with a view to the revival of the Church of the Messiah, in that district. The Rev. Danl. S. Miller has held services during the winter in a hall in Spring Garden, and has organized a parish, which is now engaged in the erection of a church ; and, lastly, the Churchmen's Missionary Society for Seamen, of the port of Philadelphia, an association recently formed by a band of devoted young men, are fast gathering means for the erection of a floating chapel, for the use of mariners.

I point to these facts as cheering proof that there is abroad among us a noble spirit of zeal for the advancement of the Saviour's kingdom. Would that I could point to corresponding evidences of increase in the ranks and efficiency of our laboring clergy. But on this point the facts are less encouraging.

The number of *clergymen dismissed* from the diocese, during the last year, has been considerably greater than in former years ; the *number received* has not increased in the same proportion ; while the number of young men *admitted as candidates for orders*, remains stationary.

LETTERS OF DISMISSION, have been GIVEN in behalf of the Rev. Saml. Durborow, to the diocese of Maine ; in behalf of the Rev. Chas. D. Cooper, the Rev. Breed Batcheller, and the Rev. David H. Macurdy, to the diocese of Western New York ; in behalf of the Rev. Colley A. Foster, and the Rev. Robt. B. Claxton, to the diocese of Indiana ; in behalf of the Rev. Lester Janes, the Rev. John J.

McElhinney, and the Rev. Joseph Adderly, to the Diocese of Ohio; in behalf of the Rev. Alexander G. Mercer, and the Rev. Saml. Moorehouse, to the diocese of New York; in behalf of the Rev. Richard Graham, to the diocese of South Carolina; of the Rev. Wm. H. Woodward, to the diocese of Michigan; and of the Rev. Saml. C. Brincklé, to the diocese of Delaware—in all fourteen.

LETTERS OF DISMISSION, have been ACCEPTED from Bishop Chase, of Illinois, in behalf of the Rev. B. Hutchins; from Bishop Boone, in behalf of the Rev. Richard Graham; from Bishop Meade, in behalf of the Rev. Charles West Thompson; from Bishop McIlvaine, in behalf of the Rev. Jas. A. Woodward, and the Rev. Wm. Clotworthy; from Bishop Lee, in behalf of the Rev. John A. Childs; from the Standing Committee of New York, in behalf of the Rev. Herman Hooker, the Rev. Kingston Goddard, and the Rev. C. B. Wyatt; and from Bishop Eastburn, in behalf of the Rev. Saml. A. Clark, the Rev. T. S. Carpenter, and the Rev. Geo. D. Miles.

Three clergymen of this Diocese, have, at their own request, been *displaced from the ministry*, during the year just passed, for causes not affecting their moral character, viz.: the Rev. Marcus R. Cushman, displaced at Erie, Aug. 21st, 1847, in presence of the Rev. Drs. Carmichael and Mitchell, and the Rev. Messrs. Wm. Flint and R. Smith; the Rev. George Allen, displaced in Philadelphia, Nov. 25, in presence of the Rev. Dr. Dorr and the Rev. Joseph H. Smith; and the Rev. Oliver A. Shaw, displaced Dec. 4th, in presence of the Rev. Herman Hooker and the Rev. Marmaduke Dillon.

The present *number of* CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS, in this diocese, is twenty-five, of whom eight have been received within the last year, viz.: Richard B. Duane, admitted May 4th, 1847; Nathan B. Merrill, transferred from the diocese of Connecticut, June 1st, 1847; John Fury, admitted June 5th, 1847; George L. Neide, admitted June 5th, 1847; Samuel Clements, admitted July 5th, 1847; Robert T. Roach, admitted November 2d, 1847; Rees C. Evans, admitted October 4th, 1847; Joseph T. Elsegood, admitted April 2d, 1848.

The following CHURCHES HAVE BECOME VACANT during the year, by the resignation of their rectors, viz.: Christ's Church, Towanda,

by the resignation of the Rev. A. S. Colton, who has become rector of St. Matthew's, Pike, and who has been succeeded at Towanda, by the Rev. R. J. Parvin; St. Paul's, West Whiteland, and St. Peter's, Great Valley, by the resignation of the Rev. Wm. H. Woodward, who has been succeeded by the Rev. Wm. L. Suddards, formerly of Churchtown, where he has been succeeded by the Rev. Dr. Bull; St. Mary's, Warwick, by the resignation of Dr. Bull, who has been succeeded by the Rev. Enos Woodward, the Rev. Jas. A. Woodward, his son, having become his assistant at St. Mark's, Honeybrook; Calvary Church, Rockdale, by the resignation of the Rev. B. S. Huntington, who has been succeeded by the Rev. Chas. West Thompson, from the diocese of Virginia; St. Stephen's, Wilksbarre, by the resignation of the Rev. Chas. D. Cooper, who is succeeded by the Rev. Geo. D. Miles, from the diocese of Massachusetts; St. James', Muncy, by the resignation of the Rev. C. A. Foster, who has been succeeded by the Rev. J. G. Downing, from the diocese of Virginia; Advent Church, N. L., by the resignation of the Rev. J. J. Kerr, who has been succeeded by the Rev. Samuel A. Clark, from the diocese of Massachusetts; St. James the Less, Schuylkill Falls, by the resignation of the Rev. David H. Macurdy, who has been succeeded by the Rev. Christopher B. Wyatt, from the diocese of New York; St. James', Kingsessing, by the resignation of the Rev. Saml. C. Brincklé; and Grace Church, Honesdale, by the resignation of the Rev. Owen Evans Shannon.

It will thus be seen that the ranks of the laboring clergy, in this diocese, do not increase even in proportion to the increase of our churches, much less in proportion to the new calls which are made for our services; while the disproportion between the growth in the number of our clergy, and the advance of population in our commonwealth, is truly distressing. Let not our faithful and fervent prayers be wanting, brethren, nor our corresponding judicious efforts, that the list of our candidates, now much reduced, may be soon swelled by the addition of young men of talent, piety, and devoted zeal. What we greatly need are laboring clergymen, who are patient, self-denying, and indomitable—men who can endure hardness, even though it take the form of apparent neglect or indifference—who, in meekness, and with all industry and prudence, will adapt themselves to the peculiar emergencies of the various posts at which they may be called to

labor, and whose faith in the ultimate triumph of their mission can outlive even a long period of privation and apparent uselessness. Such men never labor in vain; and unfriendly as the soil of interior Pennsylvania may seem to the establishment or extension of our principles, there are fields in every part of it already white unto the harvest. But they who would reap these harvests must needs count the cost. For a time, some of them must consent to forego the comforts of a married life; they must be satisfied to live as the mass of those to whom they minister live; and, sowing in hope, they must never distrust the pledge, that God's word, when it goes forth in its integrity and simplicity, cannot return unto Him void, but must prosper in the thing whereunto He sends it. Its triumphs may be reserved till his eyes who proclaimed it are sealed in death; but none the less glorious and memorable shall be his reward. *In due time we shall reap if we faint not.*

When I observe with what skill and ardor, at what hazards often to health and life, and with what deliberate and even prodigal sacrifice of present ease and enjoyment, the children of the world devote themselves to the pursuit of that which must perish in the using, I cannot but fear that they are wiser in their generation than many of us who profess to be children of light. A like zeal, a like vigilant wisdom and forecast, with the same irrepressible, self-sacrificing energy, would soon enable us to carry our faith in triumph over many obstacles, before which we are now too apt to stand appalled, or from which we turn away in dismay.

But whilst I insist upon the necessity of increased devotion on the part of the clergy, I would not forget that they who preach the gospel have a right to live of the gospel. It is a melancholy fact, that some of the most useful clergymen who have left us during the past year, have been constrained to do so by the entire inadequacy of their means of subsistence. I have much fear that we are destined to suffer still severer losses from the same cause. With these facts forced upon me as I travel over the Diocese, and having myself tried in vain for months, and even in one or two instances for more than two years, to supply some vacant parishes with ministerial services, because I have been unable to hold out to men with families, the prospect of adequate support,—I conceive that I should be wanting in my duty if I did not entreat the renewed attention of the laity to this subject. Where the standard of compensation is highest, there we must expect that talent and efficiency will be carried; and we cannot allow other dioceses to

excel us in this respect without being in danger of suffering a constant drain upon our best and most cherished resources. I well know that in some of our parishes, even with every effort which liberality could make, the salary would be meagre unless increased from without; but how rarely has liberality done its utmost. In how many cases are the claims of the gospel, the interests of the soul, postponed, till all the demands of taste and even caprice are gratified, and then a fraction of the poor remains bestowed, perhaps with a grudging hand, on a stinted pastor. Can we wonder if the dewes of the Divine Spirit are withheld from such hearts and such congregations? *Zaccheus* could give half his goods to feed the poor. Under the Mosaic dispensation the divine law could wring with inexorable hand from every Jew, more than two-tenths of all his income for pious and charitable uses. God has been pleased to lay on Christians no law for giving but the law of love and of a cheerful heart; but what a reproach must rest upon them, if they abuse this indulgence to the injury of the poor, or to the withholding from the ministers of the sanctuary, of their rightful portion.

Connected with the support of the clergy, I would mention two or three measures which may have, if adopted, a most happy effect. The first is *the erection of parsonages*. In cities and large towns they are less necessary; but in the country they are all but indispensable. The difficulty of renting houses in convenient situations, the uncertainty whether they can be retained, their want of fitness to a clergyman's peculiar wants and resources, the additional expense which they entail, are evils which can hardly be appreciated, except by experience; and they prove in many cases, I am sure, the immediate reason why parishes are relinquished. If congregations would have their ministers acquire a *home* feeling among them, they should see to it that they have a *home*,—a permanent and comfortable one, at a convenient distance from the parish church, and that this home is kept in good repair. Let me add that a *Rector's library* ought, and I trust in time will come, to be considered as a necessary appendage to every parsonage and every parish. We need an enlightened and well furnished ministry; but we cannot hope to have it, unless the clergy have access to good libraries, and this access can never be enjoyed by many of them if these libraries are to be furnished exclusively at their own expense. For a parish to gather such a library, requires but a beginning, a little steady and persevering attention, and

the contribution through a course of years, of sums which though very small when divided among the members of a congregation, would be wholly beyond the reach of most individual pastors.

Another measure would, if adopted, do much I think to lighten the burdens of the clergy. I allude to *some provision by the Church for the education of their children*. We have now several admirable schools, both male and female, connected with the church in this diocese; and their advantages ought to be especially accessible to the children of those clergymen whose means are straitened, who live remote from schools of a superior character, and whose children must soon enter on life, with no resources but their talents and their worth. I would mention that partial provision for the sons of the clergy, are already made at the Protestant Episcopal Academy in this city, and also through the generosity of its Principal, Mr. Bolmar, at the Diocesan School in West Chester. These provisions need to be enlarged and made permanent; but what we need now still more, is a corresponding provision for educating the *daughters* of the clergy. Arrangements have been made at the Retreat near Germantown, and also at the schools at Aston Ridge and West Chester, for admitting at reduced rates those whose fathers receive inadequate salaries, or who are orphans. Through the generosity of a few individuals whose pleasure is to do good as they have opportunity, I have already received means sufficient to place five or six young ladies at these schools, and I pray God to put it in the hearts of those who have the ability, to enable me to enlarge the number.

The SCHOOLS connected with the Church in this Diocese are all doing well. The Academy in this city, under the care of the Rev. Dr. Hare, has had a career, thus far, of great and uninterrupted prosperity; and it is exerting an influence on the principles and character of our children which will be felt for good long after our own earthly course has terminated. It now numbers nearly one hundred pupils. The chaplaincy in the school for boys at West Chester has become vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Claxton, but will soon be filled; in the mean time the duties of that office are diligently discharged by the Rev. Mr. Clemson. The female school, known as the Retreat in School House Lane, near Germantown, has been signally favored not only by the smiles of Divine Providence, but also with the influence of the Divine Spirit. Considerably more than a third of all the

resident or boarding pupils have within the last two months been confirmed, and have also become communicants, under circumstances which have inspired me with the most lively hopes in respect to their future character and influence as Christian women. The order and spirit prevailing throughout the school have been excellent: the discipline is quiet, effective, and eminently domestic: the position of the buildings and grounds is alike beautiful and healthy, and the patronage bestowed upon it most encouraging. The school at Aston Ridge, under the superintendence of the Rev. Mr. Huntington, has also been much favored, and as the number of pupils received is limited, the situation attractive, and the instruction superior, this seminary has advantages peculiar to itself. The same is true of the school of Miss Evans, at West Chester, which has recently been removed to a large and commodious mansion, and which bestows upon its pupils the blessings of thorough intellectual, moral and religious culture, with the comforts of a happy home, at rates so moderate as to bring its advantages within the reach of many who cannot patronize our more expensive schools.

I have for some time been impressed with the conviction that a *Female Academy in this city*, sustaining to the Church the same relation, and constituted on the same principles as the Protestant Episcopal Academy for boys, would be a great blessing. The time for establishing such a seminary seems to have arrived, and having conferred with my Council of Advice on the subject, I have, with their approval and sanction, taken the preliminary steps for the purpose. Trustees have been appointed, and the Rev. Dr. Vaughan has been selected as Principal. A pleasant and convenient house has been taken on the west side of Penn Square, and the institution will be opened for the admission of pupils on the 1st of September next. It is proposed to organize and conduct the school so that its moral and religious influence shall be active and benign, and its means of intellectual culture unsurpassed. Special attention will also be paid to the health of the pupils. Having long known the Rev. Principal, and having had, in common with several members of this Convention, an opportunity of observing the powerful and salutary influence which he exerted in winning the affections and moulding the character of his pupils, (while he acted as Principal) at the Institution for the Blind in this city, I have every confidence that his labors in this new field will be appreciated and sustained.

It is proposed to make the charges of a tuition such, that the influence and instruction of this seminary can be shared by a large proportion of our people.

I desire to record, again, my grateful sense of the important aid which is rendered to the Church in this Diocese by the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, by the Bishop White Prayer Book Society, by the Female Prayer Book Society, the Episcopal Tract Society, and the Parish Library Association.

The number of missionaries now employed by the Advancement Society, is twenty. Their names and places of officiating are as follows:

Rev. Wm. Adderly, New Brighton, &c., Beaver county.

Rev. Charles Breck, Wellsborough, Tioga county.

Rev. Thomas Crumpton, Alleghany.

Rev. Wm. N. Diehl, Whitemarsh.

Rev. J. G. Downing, Muncy, and parts adjacent.

Rev. G. C. Drake, Schuylkill Haven, and parts adjacent.

Rev. G. A. Durborow, Fairmount.

Rev. G. C. Field, Huntingdon, Huntingdon county.

Rev. W. Hilton, Kittanning, Freeport, &c.

Rev. G. P. Hopkins, Doylestown.

Rev. N. M. Jones, Uniontown, Fayette county.

Rev. John Long, New Milford and Montrose.

Rev. E. Mendenhall, Salem, Wayne county.

Rev. T. H. Michell, Waterford, Erie county.

Rev. B. W. Morris, Sunbury, Northumberland county.

Rev. G. W. Natt, Bellefonte.

Rev. P. Russell, Mauch Chunk.

Rev. T. A. Starkey, Mining region adjacent to Pottsville.

Rev. Wm. White, Butler.

Rev. J. P. Nash, Phoenixville.

*To these should be added, as missionaries under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, but not deriving aid from the Advancement Society, the Rev. Joseph H. Smith, of the Calvary Church mission, Northern Liberties; the Rev. Thomas G. Allen, city missionary, (Philadelphia); the Rev. Richard Smith, missionary in Mercer county; the Rev. T. S. Carpenter, Lancaster county.

I mentioned in my last address, that CONVOCACTIONS of the clergy had been assembled at two or three points in the diocese, at the time of my visitation; that they were likely to become a permanent element in our system of operations, and that, in my opinion, they would prove, if properly conducted, powerful instruments of improvement to the clergy, and of blessing to their people, while they might be made subservient in a high degree, to the extension of the church. I would now state that I have met with four convocations during the year: one at Bellefont, in July; one at Erie, in August; one at Uniontown, about the 1st of September; and one at Morgantown, about the middle of the same month. My convictions in regard to their value and efficiency, are strengthened. At the meeting, in July, of the convocation of Northern and Central Pennsylvania, a permanent organization was adopted, on principles which will be found in a note to this address,* and the members comprising it have continued to meet quarterly, ever since, with encouraging results.

* RULES OF THE CONVOCAATION OF NORTHERN PENNSYLVANIA.

1st. This Convocation shall be composed of the Clergy of Bradford, Sullivan, Tioga, Lycoming, Columbia, Northumberland, Union, Clinton, Centre, Mifflin, and Huntingdon counties, canonically resident in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

2d. This Convocation shall meet four times in each year, as follows, on the evenings of the third Tuesday of January, April, July and October.

3d. The Bishop of the Diocese shall be president, ex-officio. In his absence, the presbyter who has been longest resident within the bounds of the Convocation, he being an attending member of the same, shall preside.

4th. A Secretary and Treasurer shall be appointed in January, for one year.

5th. At each meeting, a Preacher and Alternate shall be selected by the Bishop, when present, and in his absence by the Convocation, to deliver the opening sermon of the next Convocation. In case of their failure, the President shall appoint a substitute; it being their duty to give the resident President as early notice as possible of their inability to discharge the trust assigned them.

6th. The Convocation shall determine the place and time of each suc-

I have thus noticed the most important events which have transpired during the past year within this diocese; as well as various considerations of a general nature which bear upon its present condition and future welfare. We have a vast work on hand, and God alone can bestow upon us the ability to meet its demands, with the

cessive regular meeting. The Bishop or Convocation may appoint special meetings.

7th. The Rector of the Parish in which the Convocation meets, shall, with the advice and consent of the Bishop, determine the number of exercises, and appoint the Clergymen who are to officiate, except when provision shall have been otherwise made by the Convocation; and on all occasions, the services shall be conducted in conformity with the Canons and Liturgy of the Church.

8th. The Holy Communion shall be administered on the Wednesday of each regular meeting.

9th. No member of the Convocation shall be at liberty to leave the Convocation without permission.

10th. At every meeting of the Convocation, there shall be a special service for the children of the Parish, and another for the benefit of Missions.

11th. The resident President shall give notice of all special meetings and act as the organ of communication with the Bishop; making after each meeting a report to him of the proceedings of the Convocation.

12th. The Rector of the Parish in which the Convocation meets may invite any Clergymen to be present at its meetings.

13th. The continuance of this Convocation shall be at the discretion of the Bishop.

14th. Any Clergyman four times absent without excuse, shall cease to be regarded as a member of the Convocation.

15th. Any number present shall constitute a quorum.

16th. These rules shall not be changed, except by a vote of the majority of the members of the Convocation, and with the consent of the Bishop; and changes shall be proposed in writing at one regular meeting of the Convocation, and acted upon at the next, all absent members having been informed that changes had been proposed.

Adopted at the meeting of the Convocation held in the parish of St. John's Church, Bellefonte, Centre co. July 7th, 1847.

requisite wisdom, liberality, devotion, and zeal. We have to sustain, enlarge, and improve our older parishes, making them more fruitful of good to their respective pastors and people, and more instrumental in extending blessings to mankind. We have to render many of our newer parishes self-supporting, transforming their dependence on aid from without into the ability and disposition to give effective assistance to others.

We have to plant our church in twenty-five counties of Pennsylvania, where as yet it has neither minister nor sacred edifice. We have to meet the difficulties which result from the fact, that in most of the remaining counties of this commonwealth, our ministrations have been introduced but of late years, and are surrounded by a population that receives little augmentation from without, and that is disinclined, alike by habit and by education, from seeking or accepting our services.

We have, moreover, to fulfil a great and solemn duty, created by the rapidity with which large numbers of people, many of them from our father-land, and children of our mother church, settle in districts where mines are opening, where hitherto all has been wilderness, and where, unless aided by us, they may remain for years without the means of grace. In a large proportion of the territory embraced

1st. At each quarterly meeting, two sermons shall be read by members taken in alphabetical order; the topics or texts to be assigned by the President.

2d. Four skeletons of sermons shall be presented by members taken in alphabetical order; topics or texts to be assigned by the members of the Convocation.

3d. Sermons and skeletons to be criticised by the members of the Convocation.

4th. Written questions in Casuistry and practical Theology.

5th. Reports of cases of interest in the history of our parochial labors.

6th. In sermons or skeletons all topics calculated to introduce controversy to be carefully avoided.

7th. Mutual suggestions with regard to reading the Liturgy.

Resolved, That a member be appointed in alphabetical order, semi-annually, to prepare a report on the propagation of the gospel throughout the world.

within this diocese, our order and institutions are scarcely more known than in the new states of the west, and the obstacles with which they are called to contend are even greater and more intractable.

Let not our charities be bounded, however, by the limits of our own territory. Throughout the length and breadth of this vast and rising republic, which is receiving each year its hundreds of thousands of immigrants, from all parts of the world; to which elder nations are looking with inconceivable solicitude; which seems to have been raised up by Providence expressly to show whether Christianity can be sustained by the free-will offerings, the spontaneous patronage of God's people,—in this land there are calls for help which ought not to remain unheeded; while the new and multiplied relations which are fast binding Pagan and Mahommedan countries to those which profess the faith of Christ, summon us at this time to renewed interest and effort in behalf of those foreign missions which contemplate the ultimate triumph of our religion over every form of idolatry and error. I ought not to omit the fact that of five candidates for orders belonging to this diocese, who will be ordained within the next three months, two, if not three, have determined to devote themselves to the service of the mission on the western coast of Africa. While I have yielded with deep reluctance, to the withdrawal of these excellent young men from our more immediate field of labor, I feel grateful to God that He has thus enabled this diocese to make so noble an offering to this enterprise; an enterprise which may possibly need revision and alteration in its policy, but which, in its aims, is one of the most beneficent, and, in its obligations, one of the most imperative, ever undertaken by our church. I cannot but express my sincere hope, that with this important addition to the moral and ministerial force of the mission, there may be a corresponding increase in its pecuniary resources.

And now, to meet these claims upon our zeal and liberality—what means do we possess? Not much more than half—certainly not so many as two-thirds of the congregations in this Diocese, are self-supporting. Of the remainder many are feeble. But still we have enough. God delights to employ instruments which in proportion as they are insufficient on natural principles, are the more disposed to seek His aid, and thus to clothe themselves with a power which is resistless, because Divine. There is no obstacle which in His good time, will not yield before the prayers and pains of his faithful people. Let the simple and comfortable Gospel of Christ be truly preached.

Let the discipline of our churches in respect to immoral and dissipated communicants be administered with judicious but inflexible integrity.* Let the high and solemn obligations which rest on those who profess to follow Christ, be clearly set forth by their Pastors—both by word and good example. Let the duty and privilege of consecrating property, time and talent to the spread of the Gospel, and the relief of human suffering be earnestly and diligently inculcated. And above all, let prayer be made of the whole Church without ceasing, that God will be pleased to pour into all our hearts that most excellent gift—the gift of charity—that at the same time He will be pleased to open the hearts of those who hear us, and of all for whose benefit we labor, that they may receive the truth as it is in Jesus, taking from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of His word, and so bringing them home to His flock, that they may be saved with the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. If such be our course we need not fear, but God will go with us as he went with his people of old—a pillar of cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night. Trials we may have—they shall prove our helpers. Disappointments may sadden us—they shall urge us to more humility, and therefore to more prayer. But our young men shall offer themselves willingly to the help of

* HOUSE OF BISHOPS, May 27, 1817.

Resolved, That the following be entered on the Journal of this House, and be sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, to be read therein :

“The House of Bishops, solicitous for the preservation of the purity of the Church and the piety of its members, are induced to impress upon the Clergy the important duty, with a discreet but earnest zeal of warning the people of their worldly cures, of the danger of an indulgence in those worldly pleasures, which may tend to withdraw the affections from spiritual things. And especially on the subject of gaming, of amusements, involving cruelty to the brute creation, and of theatrical representation, to which some peculiar circumstances have called their attention. They do not hesitate to express their unanimous opinion that these amusements, as well from their licentious tendency, as from the strong temptations to vice which they afford, ought not to be frequented. And the Bishops cannot refrain from expressing their deep regret at the information, that in some of our large cities, so little respect is paid to the feelings of the members of the Church, that theatrical representations are fixed for the evenings of her most solemn festivals.”

the Lord. Our people of every age shall recommend the faith they profess by the sanctity of their lives, while they carry it abroad by the diligence and zeal of their self-denying labors. To the honor of Christ and the extension of His Church, our widows shall cheerfully give their mites, our men of substance their silver and their fine gold; all shall bestow their prayers and efforts, and God shall bless us. Let the people praise Thee, O God. Yea, Let all the people praise Thee. Then shalt thou be merciful unto us, and cause thy face to shine upon us. Thy way shall be known upon the earth, God, even our own God, shall give us His blessing, and all the ends of the world shall fear Him.

ALONZO POTTER.

Philadelphia, May 17, 1848.

At the conclusion of his Address, the Bishop laid upon the table the following list of candidates for holy orders.

LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS

In the Diocese of Pennsylvania, May 16th, 1848.

- Robert Phipps—since February 7th, 1843.
- Richard B. Tschudy—since October 1st, 1844.
- Cadwallader C. Hoffman—since April 1st, 1845.
- Jacob Rambo—since April 1st, 1845.
- Archibald Beatty—since April 1st, 1845.
- Joel Rudderow—since July 9th, 1845.
- Francis C. Clements—since September 19th, 1845.
- R. Ralston Cox—since September 29th, 1845.
- Francis J. Warner—since November 4th, 1845.
- Frederick S. Wileys—since December 2d, 1845.
- John A. Merrick—since March 4th, 1846.
- William B. Musgrave—since April 7th, 1846.
- John T. Murphy—since June 8th, 1846.
- Samuel Cox—since September 1st, 1846.
- John Wade Nott—since September 1st, 1846.
- John M. Goshorn—since February 2d, 1847.
- George W. Brown—since March 2d, 1847.
- Richard B. Duane—since May 4th, 1847.
- Nathan B. Merrill—since August 10th, 1846.
- John Furey—since June 5th, 1847.

George L. Neide—since June 5th, 1847.

Samuel Clements—since July 5th, 1847.

Robert T. Roach—since November 2d, 1847.

Joseph I. Elsegood—since April 2d, 1848.

Rees C. Evans—since October 4th, 1847.

Rev. Dr. Morton, from the Committee on the subject, presented the following report.

The Committee on the claims of clergymen to seats in this Convention, respectfully report:

That the claims of the Rev. John A. Vaughan, D. D., have been laid before them. The Rev. Dr. Vaughan held his seat as a member of the Convention as Principal of the Institute for the Blind in this city. Having resigned that situation 15th November, 1847, on grounds other than those of old age, ill health or infirmity, they think his seat was forfeited, and that he is not now entitled to be enrolled among the members of this Convention.

H. J. MORTON.

WM. FLINT.

The Rev. Mr. Howe, the other member of the Committee, made a statement of his reasons for not concurring in the report of that Committee. Whereupon Mr. Welsh moved, that the Rev. Dr. Vaughan be entitled to a seat in this Convention, which motion was carried, and thereupon his name being called by the secretary, the Rev. Dr. Vaughan answered and took his seat.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Bull, it was Resolved, That it be recommended to each clergyman in the Diocese, to read the Annual Address of the Bishop delivered this day, to his congregation.

The Convention then proceeded to vote for members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. The Rev. Messrs. Natt, Fowles, Newton and Field, being appointed tellers, to receive the votes of the Clergy, and Messrs. L. Lewis, Jenks, Kirkham, and Ashurst, tellers to receive the votes of the Laity.

While the Tellers were engaged in counting the votes, the Rev. Dr. Morton, the President of the Standing Committee, laid upon the table the minutes of that Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Howe, the Secretary of the Standing Committee, presented the following.

Phila., May 17th, 1848.

The Secretary of the Standing Committee lays upon the table of Convention, the accompanying Charters of
The Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia.

St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia.

St. Jude's Church, Spring Garden.

Church of the Holy Apostles, St. Clair, Schuylkill county.

Zion Church, Tuscarora.

St. Mark's Church, Northumberland.

And reports them as having been examined and approved by the Committee.

M. A. DEWOLF HOWE, *Secretary*.

On motion of the Secretary, the foregoing Charters were referred to the Committee on Charters.

The Rev. Mr. Howe presented and read the following :

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, respectfully present to the Convention the following abstract of their proceedings during the past year. They organized on the first of June, by the election of the Rev. Dr. Morton as President, and the Rev. Mr. Howe as Secretary. In conformity with the practice of their predecessors in former years, they have held a stated meeting on the first Tuesday in each month. Besides their twelve regular meetings, they have had two adjourned and four special meetings.

On the 17th of September last, the Committee, in compliance with the request of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Doylestown, gave their consent that the church be mortgaged for a sum not to exceed \$700.

Three vacancies having occurred in the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, the Standing Committee, on the 2d of November last, appointed the Hon. T. M. Pettit, Thomas Robins and John Welsh, Jr., Esqs., to be members of that Board.

By order of the Standing Committee, suitable Cases have been prepared at the Episcopal Academy for receiving the Journals and other Pamphlets belonging to the Convention of the Diocese, and the same have been carefully arranged therein.

At the request of the Bishop they appointed, on June 1st, twelve clerical assessors to consider the propriety of an act of

Ecclesiastical discipline in a neighboring parish, from which appeal had been made to the Ordinary.

During the year of their service, the Standing Committee have signed testimonials recommending the admission of seven individuals, to wit, Richard B. Duane, John Furey, George L. Neide, Reese C. Evans, Robert T. Roach, Joseph J. Elsegood and Samuel Clements, as candidates for Holy Orders.

They have also signed testimonials recommending the admission of seven individuals, to wit, Robert J. Parvin, Lester Janes, Reese C. Evans, Benj. S. Douglass, Richard S. Trapier, Daniel S. Miller and Samuel Randall to the Holy Order of Deacons.

They have also signed testimonials recommending ten individuals, to wit, the Revs. Barclay A. Smith, David H. McCurdy, Henry S. Spackman, Alex. G. Mercer, George A. Durborow, Joseph H. Smith, H. Hastings Weld, Thomas A. Starkie, Daniel S. Miller, Robt. J. Parvin and Wm. Clotworthy for admission to the Holy Order of Priests.

The Standing Committee have examined and approved the charters of the following newly incorporated churches, to wit, the Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia; St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia; St. Jude's Church, Spring Garden; the Church of the Holy Apostles, St. Clair, Schuylkill county; Zion Church, Tuscarora, and St. Mark's Church, Northumberland.

It is made the duty of the Standing Committee to report to the Convention any Church which has not within three years last past, made any parochial report, or had any missionary report made on its behalf, and which has neither employed a clergyman as its parish minister, nor requested of the Bishop to have the services of a missionary,—in conformity with this rule, the Committee now report—

Truth Church, Bethany, Wayne co.

St. Mark's Church, Moyamensing, Philadelphia co.

St. John's, Lawrenceville, Alleghany co.

Christ Church, Blossburgh, Tioga co.

St. Gabriel's Church, Sugar Loaf, Columbia co.

The Committee take leave to call attention to the fact, that Christ (Swede's) Church, Upper Merion, although reported in

the list of churches belonging to this Diocese, is not and has never been in union with this Convention.

M. A. DE WOLFE HOWE, Secretary.

Philadelphia, May 16th, 1848.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Hare, the Secretary was authorized to purchase a suitable fire-proof chest for the purpose of preserving therein the MSS. of the Convention and Standing Committee.

The following communication was read :

TO GEORGE M. WHARTON, ESQUIRE,

Secretary of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Penna.

SIR:—The Corporation for the relief of the Widows and Children of Clergymen in the Communion of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, of which I am the Treasurer, at their late annual meeting held on the 8th inst., passed the following Resolution :

“Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to prepare and report to the Convention of this Diocese a statement of the Yeates fund, and its annual income, with the objects of the Trust, for the information of that Body.”

In obedience to that Resolution, I make the following report—

The Yeates Fund is a Trust Fund which was established by Miss Margaret Yeates and Miss Catharine Yeates of Lancaster in this Diocese. These ladies on the 23d day of June, 1835, and 7th of September, 1836, respectively, settled each the sum of one thousand dollars, the first upon Horace Binney, James S. Smith and Joseph R. Ingersoll, Esquires ; the other upon James S. Smith and Joseph R. Ingersoll, Esquires, upon certain trusts, which are substantially as follows.—

In Trust to invest the said sums of money in debt of the United States, debt of the State of Pennsylvania or city of Philadelphia, or in such real securities as they shall think fit, and the said investments from time to time in part or in whole, to sell out, or call in ; and reinvest in like manner, and the nett interest or income as the same shall be received to pay to such one or more aged Ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, and in such sums or portions as shall from time to time be selected and directed by the Bishop of the said

Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, having the City of Lancaster in his Diocese, by and with the consent and approbation of a majority of the clerical members of the Standing Committee for the time being; such Minister and Ministers to be resident at the time of such selection and direction, within the said Diocese, and to have at the time a parochial charge within the same, or who having had such a charge therein for the space of ten years, has or have been compelled to leave or give up the same by reason of age or bodily infirmity—and in case for any cause, such selection and direction shall not be made before the stated meeting of the Convention of the said Church in the Diocese aforesaid, in any year, then and in that case the interest remaining unappropriated in the hands of the said Trustees, shall be added to the capital and invested in manner aforesaid.

By an Act of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, passed March 7, 1837, the Trustees above named were authorized to transfer the fund to the corporation hereinbefore mentioned, and that corporation was duly authorized to execute the Trusts, and now holds the Trust Fund upon the Trusts hereinbefore specified.

The Fund has been invested exclusively in the Loan of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and at the present time consists of \$3248.67 of the five per cent. Loan, and \$372.67 of the six per cent. Loan of the Commonwealth, the nett annual income being about \$175.53.

All which by order of the Corporation aforesaid is respectfully reported for the information of the Convention.

I am Sir, very resp'y yours,

HORACE BINNEY, JR.

Treasurer of the Corporation for relief of Widows
and Children of Clergymen, &c.

Philadelphia, May 17, 1848.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Howe, it was declared by the Convention in conformity with the 4th article of the constitution, that the following churches embraced in the report of the Standing Committee submitted this afternoon, viz: Truth Church, Bethany, Wayne co., St. Mark's Church, Moyamensing, Philadelphia co., St. John's Church, Lawrenceville, Alleghany co., Christ Church, Blossburg, Tioga co., and St. Gabriel's Church,

Sugar Loaf, Columbia co.—shall no longer have a right to send a deputy or deputies to the Convention.

Mr. Thomas Robins presented the following report :

The Trustees of the Christmas fund respectfully report that they have received during the past year, \$621,93, of which, \$551,43 has been derived from collections and contributions ; and \$70,50 from interest on \$1500, city of Philadelphia 5 per cent. stock, which still remains invested. There is in the Treasurer's hands a balance of \$267,04.

Three Clergymen are now in receipt of aid from the fund, to the extent of \$550,00 per annum, and an appropriation of \$100,00 has been made to the widow of a Clergyman of the diocese, this being the first application for aid from that branch of the trust. The Trustees in their last annual report, made an earnest appeal to the Convention, to adopt such measures as would secure, if possible, general contributions to the fund. No measure was, however, proposed. The contributions during the past year, though slightly exceeding those of the previous one, have been received from only a small portion of the parishes in the diocese, and it will be observed also that the expenditures have been greater than the contributions. Under these circumstances, the Trustees feel constrained, respectfully to renew their request to the Convention, to adopt such measures as may be necessary to secure adequate support to the fund.

By order of the Trustees,

WM. H. NEWBOLD, Secretary.

Philadelphia, May 15, 1848.

Mr. Robins also presented the Reports of the Treasurer of the Christmas fund and Convention fund, duly audited. The report of the Treasurer of the Episcopal fund was also submitted, having been audited and approved. [For these Reports, see Appendix.]

Mr. Parry offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That a Committee of 3 Clergymen and 3 Laymen be appointed to ascertain if possible, and report to the next Convention, the cause of the Clergy not receiving a larger compensation for their services.

The Rev. Dr. Upfold moved, as a substitute, that a Committee be appointed to devise a plan of increasing the compensation of

the country Clergy. The substitute was accepted by Mr. Parry, and the question being taken on its adoption, it was lost.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Coleman, the propriety of the admission into union at the last Convention of the Church of the Crucifixion, and any legal questions connected therewith, were referred to the Committee on Charters, to report thereon.

The Tellers being prepared to report, reported as follows:—
For the Standing Committee—

Of the Clergy, whole number of votes cast, - - -	76
Necessary to a choice, - - - - -	39

Of which,

Clerical Members,	received.	Lay Members,	received.
Rev. H. J. Morton, D. D.	46	Mr. G. M. Wharton, -	46
“ J. C. Clay, D. D. -	47	Thos. Robins, - -	74
“ G. E. Hare, D. D.	61	R. S. Smith, - - -	41
“ M. A. De W. Howe,	62	T. M. Pettit, - -	44
“ J. Rodney, - -	39	John Welsh, jr., -	46
“ H. W. Ducachet, D. D.	8	W. M. Meredith, -	3
“ B. Dorr, D. D. -	7	William Welsh, -	30
“ W. L. Suddards, -	27	T. H. Powers, - -	28
“ R. Newton, - -	30	Edward Olmstead, -	24
“ J. G. Maxwell, -	27	Hon. G. M. Stroud, -	29
“ J. Coleman, D. D.	7	James S. Newbold, -	4
“ F. Ogilby, -	2	H. Reed, - - -	1
“ W. H. Odenheimer,	3	L. R. Ashurst, - -	2
“ T. H. Quinan, -	1	J. S. Smith, - - -	1
“ N. S. Harris, -	2	Dr. West, - - -	1
“ J. B. Clemson, -	1		
“ F. W. Beasley, -	1		
“ R. U. Morgan, D. D.	1		
“ P. Van Pelt, - -	1		

Of the Lay Representations, whole number of votes cast,	63
Necessary to a choice, - - - - -	32

Of these,—

Clerical Members.		Lay Members.	
Rev. G. E. Hare, D. D.	56	Thomas Robins, -	62
“ M. A. De W. Howe,	57	Wm. Welsh, - -	35

Lay Representations—Continued.

Rev. R. Newton,	-	35	Thos. H. Powers,	-	34
" W. L. Suddards,		33	G. M. Stroud,	-	35
" J. G. Maxwell,	-	34	Edward Olmstead,	-	32
" H. J. Morton, D. D.		29	G. M. Wharton,	-	28
" J. C. Clay, D. D.		28	J. S. Smith,	-	26
" J. Rodney, jr.,	-	26	T. M. Pettit,	-	26
" J. Coleman, D. D.		4	J. Welsh, jr.,	-	27
" H. W. Ducachet, D. D.		3	L. R. Ashurst,	-	2
" B. Dorr, D. D.	-	2	F. West,	-	1
" P. Van Pelt,	-	2	W. M. Meredith,	-	1
" W. H. Odenheimer,		1			
" F. Ogilby,	-	1			

The Bishop thereupon announced that Rev. Dr. Hare and Rev. Mr. Howe, of the Clergy, and Mr. Thomas Robins, of the Laity, had been duly elected members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, and that none of the other persons voted for had received the requisite majority of votes.

The Convention then adjourned.

G. M. WHARTON, Secretary.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA. }
 Thursday, May 18th, A. D. 1848, 9 o'clock, A.M. }

The Convention assembled. The meeting was opened with appropriate collects by the Bishop. The roll was called and the minutes read, and, after amendments, approved. The following Clergymen and Lay Deputies not before present, answered to their names and took their seats, viz., Rev. Messrs. Davis, Lightner, Norris, Preston and Ridgeley, and Messrs. Ball, W. D. Brown, S. N. Davies, Morris, Pearce, W. H. Stokes, Talbot.

On motion of Mr. Welsh, it was Resolved, that further balloting for members of the Standing Committee, Delegates to the General Convention, and Treasurers of the Convention Fund and Episcopal Fund, be dispensed with at this Session of the Convention.

On motion of Mr. Wheeler, it was Resolved, that notice be given by the Secretary to the Churches which have been declared

by the Convention as no longer entitled to send deputies to this body.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Davis, it was Resolved, that a Committee of _____, of which the Bishop shall be the chairman, be appointed to examine the following propositions, and to report to this body on the merits thereof, namely :

I. As to the expediency of laying out the Diocese into twelve mission districts, more or less, according to the judgment of the Bishop, and subsequently to increase or diminish the same at his discretion.

II. As to the expediency of the missionary interests in each district being placed in the hands of a presbyter appointed by the Bishop to superintend the same in his absence.

III. As to the expediency of establishing a home for the mission at some central or convenient point within the district, which shall serve likewise as a place of education, especially in regard to training young persons for the gospel ministry; the same being supervised in the absence of the Bishop by persons of his appointment; also as a retreat for the infirm and superannuated Clergy of the district.

The following Committee was appointed: Rev. Mr. Davis, Dr. Upfold, Rev. Messrs. Natt, Hilton, and Colton, and Messrs. J. M. Aertsen, Parry, Wheeler, Sheaff, Duy.

The Rev. Mr. Davis further moved as follows: Resolved, that the form of the parochial reports be amended by adding :

I. Number of children prepared by their parents and guardians for being publicly catechised in the church by the minister, and the number of the same otherwise prepared.

II. Number of poor belonging to the parish, and the means contributed by the same for their relief.

III. Number of baptized persons within the bounds of the parish that neglect the public worship of Almighty God, and the means, if any, and if any, what means are employed to reform them.

Or such information on the foregoing points as may be convenient.

This was, on motion of Mr. Welsh, laid on the table.

The Committee on Charters presented the following Report:

The Committee on Charters report, That they have examined

the Charters and Articles of Association which have been submitted to the Convention and referred to them; namely, the Charters of incorporation of Zion Church at Tuscarora, in the county of Schuylkill; of the Church of the Holy Apostles of St. Clair, in the county of Schuylkill; of St. Mark's Church, in the city of Philadelphia; of the Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia, and of St. Jude's Church, Spring Garden, Philadelphia county; and the original Articles of Association of a Congregation in the town of Northumberland, in Northumberland county: that it appears in these charters that the Churches respectively therein mentioned accede to the Constitution, Canons, doctrines, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese: that it also appears from the authenticated certificates endorsed, that the said charters have duly passed the inspection of the Attorney General and the Judges of the Supreme Court, and have been enrolled, by order of the Governor, in the Charter Book of the Commonwealth: and it further appears that the articles and provisions of the charters are in all material respects agreeable to the Form recommended in the Revised Regulations of 1829.

The Committee report, that the Articles of Association above mentioned, are framed in conformity with the Canons and Revised Regulations, but that the congregation associated under those articles have not obtained a charter of incorporation, though it would seem that an application has been made to, and favorably acted upon, by some court, with that intent.

The following resolution in relation to the said Charters and Articles of Association, is herewith submitted:

Resolved, That Zion Church, at Tuscarora, Schuylkill county; the Church of the Holy Apostles of St. Clair, Schuylkill county; St. Mark's Church; the Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia; and St. Jude's Church, Spring Garden, in Philadelphia county; and St. Mark's Church, Northumberland, in Northumberland county, be, and they are hereby admitted into union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese.

In behalf of the Committee,

A. L. HAYES, Chairman.

The Resolution was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Morgan, the subject of Lay Deacons was taken up for consideration, according to the Report of the Committee on unfinished Business.

After discussion, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Ducachet, the subject was laid on the table.

The Rev. Mr. Leaf stated, that it was not his intention at present to make the motion of which he gave notice yesterday, in reference to rescinding the 8th Revised Regulation.

The Rev. Mr. Harris moved, that, in view of a Resolution on the subject passed by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, and concurred in by the House of Bishops, and in order to call the attention of the members of the Church in this Diocese to the duty of providing more ample free sittings, a Committee be appointed to consider and report how this duty may most wisely and effectually be discharged. The motion was carried, and Rev. Messrs. Harris and Odenheimer, and Messrs. W. Welsh, R. R. Montgomery and E. C. Biddle appointed the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Robins, it was Resolved, that \$300 be appropriated toward the payment of mileage to Rectors of such churches as have made contributions to the Convention Fund for the current year; and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same to such Clergymen as make application, pro rata, according to their actual expenses.

Resolved, that until the next stated Convention, the actual expenses of the Bishop upon his Episcopal visitations be paid out of the Convention Fund, provided that the amount so paid do not exceed the sum of \$350.

The House then proceeded to the order of the day, as fixed yesterday.

The recommendations of the Committee as to the inexpediency of the proposed alterations of the 9th Canon and the 7th Article of the Constitution were concurred in.

The House then took up for consideration the resolution proposed by the Committee.

On motion of G. M. Wharton, the Resolution was amended by inserting "except of Secretary and Assistant Secretary," after the words "no election," in the 7th line thereof.

On motion of Judge Stroud, the resolution was further amended, by striking out these words, "the first three lines of the second paragraph of the 6th Article of the Constitution," in the first and second lines of the Resolution, and by inserting in lieu thereof, as follows, "the following words in the 6th Article of the Constitution, viz: all officers and committees appointed by ballot, must in order to their election receive the votes of a majority of the Clerical members and of the Lay Representations."

On motion of the same, the Resolution was further amended by adding thereto the following:

And provided also, that if no such majority of the clerical members and of the Lay Representations be present at that time, such elections shall be postponed until 10 o'clock of the morning of the next day when the same shall be proceeded in without regard to the number then present.

Mr. Bull moved to recommit this portion of the report of the Committee, which was lost.

The Rev. Mr. Colton moved the following as a substitute, viz:

"All officers except Secretary and Assistant Secretary, and Committees appointed by ballot, must in order to their election, receive a majority of the votes of the Clerical members, and of the Lay Representations.

Provided always, that a majority of those entitled to vote at the time of the election, are then in the house—and that such election, except that of Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Convention, shall be held at 5 o'clock in the afternoon of the second day of the session.

Mr. Riley moved to strike out the proviso in the proposed substitute, which was lost. The question was then taken on the substitute, and it was not agreed to.

The Rev. Dr. Hare moved to postpone indefinitely the further consideration of the whole matter—which was lost.

Mr. Pettit moved to strike out the word, "held" in the 11th line of the Resolution, and insert in lieu thereof the words "in order"—which was not agreed to.

On motion of Judge Stroud, the Resolution was further amended, by inserting after the word "time" in the amendment proposed by him as an addition to the Resolution of the Com-

mittee, and heretofore adopted, the words "or if said elections be not completed."

Mr. Wheeler moved the following as a substitute to the Resolution of the Committee.

"All elections shall be determined by the majority shown on the count: and the times of all elections may be appointed by the Convention."

Rev. Mr. Colton moved to strike out from the proposed substitute, the last paragraph, which did not prevail. Mr. Wheeler's substitute was then rejected.

Judge Hayes moved to amend the Resolution as amended by inserting after "10 o'clock in the morning of the next day," the words "or as soon thereafter as circumstances will permit"—which was lost.

The Resolution, as the same had been amended was then approved of as a proposition for amendment of the Constitution, to lie over to the next Convention.

The proposed amendment as approved of, reads thus:

"Resolved, That the following words in the 6th Article of the Constitution, viz: "all officers and committees appointed by ballot, must, in order to their election, receive the votes of a majority of the Clerical members, and of the Lay Representations," be stricken out, and in place thereof, there be inserted as follows:

"All officers and committees appointed by ballot, must in order to their election, receive a majority of the whole number of votes cast at such election by each order; provided that there shall be no election, except of Secretary and Assistant Secretary, unless there are present at the time, a majority of the Clerical members, and a majority of the Lay Representations, who shall have appeared during the session, and been admitted to seats; and such election, except that of the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Convention, shall be held at five o'clock in the afternoon of the second day of the session; and provided also, that if no such majority of the Clerical members and of the Lay Representations be present at that time, or if said elections be not completed, such elections shall be postponed until ten o'clock of the morning of the next day, when the same shall be proceeded in without regard to the number then present."

The Rev. Dr. Coleman then moved to lay upon the table the subject of the remaining orders of the day, which prevailed.

Mr. James S. Smith offered the following proposition as an amendment to the eighth Article of the Constitution, viz:

To amend the Eighth Article of the Constitution by striking out in the 2d line the words "ten," "five" and "five," and substituting the word eight for the word ten, and the word four for the word five, where it occurs in the said 2d line.

But the Convention refused to approve the same.

On motion of the Secretary, he was authorized to have 750 copies of the Journal printed.

On motion of Jas. S. Riley, the Secretary was directed to send a copy of the Journal to each parish in union with the Convention.

The Secretary moved, that the next meeting of the Convention be held in St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, on the third Tuesday of May, A. D. 1849, at 5 o'clock, P. M., which was carried.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Dorr, it was Resolved, that 150 extra copies of the Bishop's Address be printed separately for distribution to each Clergyman in the Diocese.

The Rev. Dr. Bull moved that the Convention take up for consideration the Report of the Minority of the Committee upon proposed alterations in the Constitution. A vote by orders being called over, the vote of the Clergy stood as follows :

Ayes.

Rev. T. G. Allen,	Rev. R. U. Morgan, D. D.
" L. Bull, D. D.	" J. Reynolds,
" J. B. Clemson,	" G. W. Ridgely,
" J. N. Douglass,	" T. A. Starkey,
" G. E. Durborow,	" N. Stem,
" G. C. Fields,	" H. Tullidge,
" S. Hazlehurst,	" P. Van Pelt,
" G. Kirke,	" C. Wiltberger, Jr.
" J. Long,	Rt. Rev. A. Potter, D. D.
" G. Mintzer,	

Noes.

Rev. F. W. Beasley,	Rev. G. P. Hopkins,
“ W. H. Bourns,	“ M. A. De W. Howe,
“ S. Bowman, D. D.	“ H. E. Montgomery,
“ G. Boyd, D. D.	“ B. W. Morris,
“ C. Breck,	“ G. W. Natt,
“ W. M. Carmichael, D. D.	“ W. H. Norris,
“ J. C. Clay, D. D.	“ W. H. Odenheimer,
“ J. Coleman, D. D.	“ F. Ogilby,
“ A. S. Colton,	“ J. Rodney,
“ W. C. Cooley,	“ G. Sheets,
“ B. Dorr, D. D.	“ J. H. Smith,
“ H. W. Ducachet, D. D.	“ R. Smith,
“ W. Flint,	“ H. S. Spackman,
“ J. H. Fowles,	“ G. Upfold, D. D.
“ N. S. Harris,	“ John A. Vaughan, D. D.
“ G. E. Hare, D. D.	“ H. H. Weld,
“ W. J. Hilton,	“ T. C. Yarnall,
“ J. W. Hoffman,	

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The vote of the Clergy being in the negative, the taking of the vote of the Laity was dispensed with—so the motion was lost.

The following were appointed a Committee on the state of the Church, viz: Rev. Mr. Suddards, Rev. Dr. Dorr, Rev. Mr. Newton, and Messrs. J. S. Newbold and Hoskins.

Upon motion of Rev. Dr. Upfold, it was Resolved to adjourn sine die, after the usual religious exercises.

The minutes were then read and corrected preparatory to adjournment, whereupon the Bishop addressed some earnest and affectionate remarks to the members of the Convention, who, at the close, united in singing the four last verses of the 99th Psalm of the Selection, with the Doxology, and thereupon, after suitable collects offered by the Bishop, and after his benediction, the Convention adjourned sine die.

G. M. WHARTON, Secretary.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Report of the Rev. Thomas G. Allen.

I am still engaged in missionary effort as set forth in last Report.

I have administered or assisted in the administration of the Lord's Supper on 13 occasions. I have baptized 75 persons. In preaching, lecturing, &c., I have officiated on 233 occasions. I have married 24 couple. I have officiated on 83 funeral occasions.

During the year up to March 12th, my pastoral visits have been 1080 ;—1036 of them to the sick, afflicted, &c. There have been distributed a few Bibles and Prayer Books, and 70,000 pages of tracts, in which is included 47,000 pages of the tract, Morning and Evening Prayers for Children and Youths, &c.

I have also been instrumental in circulating more than 80 sets of Scott's Commentary.

My monthly appointment at the Widow's Asylum ; also my weekly appointment in the Magdalen Asylum, and at my own house are continued. When I have had no appointment on the Lord's day, I have, most generally, gone to the Eastern Penitentiary. On some of these occasions, after preaching to the prisoners, I have visited them individually, offering them tracts with a word of counsel, &c. On Sabbath June 13th, my *fifty-third birth-day*, I spent nearly *eight hours* in the enclosure of the Penitentiary. I preached twice and visited upwards of 100 convicts.

Report of the Rev. F. W. Beasley, Rector of All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia County, and of Christ Church, Oak Grove, Bucks County.

Baptisms, infants, 19 ; communicants added, 4 ; died or removed, 3 ; present number, 50 ; public services, on every Sunday in the year, at All Saints' Church in the morning—in the afternoon at the Chapel—during Lent, once each week at both

places—twice at Mechanicsville—twice at a house two miles above All Saints' Church—twice at China Retreat—once on a Sunday evening, and once on Wednesday evening at Hulmeville, during the absence of the Rector—once at the Presbyterian Church in Bensalem. The children are instructed in the catechism once a month at All Saints' Church. Sunday schools, 2; in the one at Oak Grove the children receiving their instruction from the Rector alone during the last summer. Collection for the Episcopal fund, \$6 00; for Missions in Wisconsin, 16 00; Monthly collections, 20 00.

As the annual meeting of our Missionary Society has been postponed, I am unable to say what sum will be collected by it.

Report of the Rev. R. H. Bourne.

I beg respectfully, in compliance with the Canons of the Church, to present a brief report of the manner in which my time has been occupied during the past year.

As an Agent of the American Sunday School Union, I have been employed principally in presenting among such of my brethren of the Episcopal Church as were friendly to the cause, the class of operations in which this Society is engaged, and in making collections to aid its efforts among the destitute.

It becomes me gratefully to acknowledge the kindness and courtesy with which I have been every where treated.

As the business of my agency has left my time on the Lord's day, much at my own disposal, I have left myself at the service of my brethren, and have esteemed it a privilege to be permitted to render them any service in my power, in preaching, or other parochial duties.

I have thus in various churches in Philadelphia and the neighbouring counties, and in the other cities visited, preached 70 times; and assisted in the reading of the service, and at the Lord's supper on 30 or more other occasions, twice I administered the Holy Communion alone; twice the Ordinance of Baptism; twice performed the burial service; once the marriage service;—and on one occasion assisted my respected Bishop at an Ordination; namely, that of two candidates for the priesthood, and two for the Diaconate, in St. Peter's Church, New York; on the 16th of April last. In addition to these services, I have

visited some 50 Sunday schools, comprising from 6000 to 7000 pupils ; which I generally addressed.

Report of the Rev. William H. Bourns, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg, Philadelphia County.

Congregation, families, 39 ; adults, 112 ; children, 54 ; total, 166 ; baptisms, adult, 1 ; infants, 3 ; total 4 ; confirmed, 3 ; communicants added, 11 ; died or removed, 10 ; present number, 53 ; burials, 10 ; public services, on Sundays, 104 ; other days, 56 ; total, 160 ; children catechised, 12 ; times, 6 ; Sunday schools, male, 1 ; teachers, 4 ; pupils, 39 ; female, 1 ; teachers, 7 ; pupils, 50 ; total, schools, 2 ; teachers, 11 ; pupils, 89 ; Bible class, 1 ; members, 10 ; collections, Episcopal fund, \$8 00 ; Convention fund, 8 00 ; Soc. Adv. Christianity, 48 00 ; Missionary and other purposes, 83 88 ; total, \$147 88.

In addition to the above services, I have preached ten times in the Poor House, since 1st of January last.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Bowman, Rector of St. James' Church, Lancaster, Lancaster County.

Baptisms, adults, 6 ; infants, 29 ; total, 35 ; confirmed, 12 ; marriages, 5 ; burials, 17 ; communicants added, 14 ; died or removed, 13 ; present number, 138 ; public services, on Sundays, 104 ; other days, 49 ; total, 153 ; children catechised, monthly ; Bible class, 1 ; members, 10 ; Sunday schools, male, 1 ; teachers, 6 ; pupils, 31 ; female, 1 ; teachers, 7 ; pupils, 42 ; infant school, teacher, 1 ; pupils, 64 ; total, schools, 3 ; teachers, 14 ; pupils, 137 ; collections, Christmas fund, \$21 55 ; Convention fund, 35 75 ; Episcopal fund, 22 66 ; Society for Advancement of Christianity, 50 00 ; Missionary and other purposes, 396 04 ; total, \$526 00.

Of the item last above named, \$150 00 were in part payment of a debt remaining on the parsonage of the Church.

Report of the Rev. Charles Breck, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Wellsboro', Tioga county.

Congregation, families, 60, adults, 180, children, 157, total, 337 ; baptisms, adults, 10, infants, 24, total, 34 ; confirmed, 12 ; communicants, added, 14, died or removed, 4, present

number, 65; marriages, 3; burials, 13; public services, on Sundays, 100 times, other days, not known; children catechised, in the church every Sunday; Sunday schools, male 2, teachers, 7, pupils, 32; female, 2, teachers, 8, pupils, 80; total, schools 4, teachers, 15, pupils, 112; collections, Episcopal Fund, \$10, Convention Fund, 5,00, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, 8,00, missionary and other purposes, 37,00, total, \$60.

During the past year, I have officiated in some of the school houses in the vicinity; in the villages of this county, and at the seats of justice of the counties of Potter and McKean.

Report of the Rev. S. C. Brincklé, Rector of St. James' Church, Kingessing.

Congregation, families, 50; baptisms, adults, 3, infants, 11, total, 14; confirmed, 3; communicants, added, 3, died or removed, 1, present number, 40; marriages, 9; burials, 13; public services, on Sundays, 79, other days, 13, total, 92; children catechised 4 times; Sunday schools, 2, teachers, 7, pupils, 50; collections, missionary purposes, \$63,40.

The undersigned on the 15th of this month, resigned the charge of this church which he has held since December, 1834, and has taken a letter of dismissal to the diocese of Delaware. With this report therefore will close the connexion of the undersigned with a diocese in which his entire ministerial life thus far has been passed, comprehending a period of thirty years.

S. C. BRINCKLE, *Late Rector.*

Report of the Rev. George Boyd, Rector of St. John's Church, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia County.

This parish has continued since my last report to sustain my testimony to the primitive and apostolic order of free seats and freewill offerings, in the place of rented pews, and what has well been called the commercial system. It has not been without much fear and trembling, many sacrifices, and the necessity of constant self-denial, that I have so far been enabled to abide what I believe to be the will of the Lord. My hope is gradually brightening, although I must confess, that my patience is sometimes sorely tried.

No important changes have marked the history of this parish during the past year. The Church proper is I think manifestly

growing in grace ; numbers are walking blamelessly in all the ordinances and commandments of the Lord. Others are yielding their hearty consent to my ministry, and striving to enter into its spirit, while there is a constant attendance and participation in our worship, of persons, who seem to be seeking rest to their souls.

I have solemnized 7 marriages, and baptized 19 persons, (3 adults.) The Sunday and infant schools are continued, with the best results. The children are trained in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord," as the church directs, and all other formularies of instruction are carefully excluded, as far as may be. By the liberality of one who loves the church, and prays for its prosperity, the Sunday School library has recently been enlarged, by the addition of a considerable number of books, designed more immediately for the teachers. From this good is anticipated to flow.

Report of the Rev. E. Y. Buchanan, Rector of All Saints' Church, Paradise, Lancaster county, and Christ Church, Leacock.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, PARADISE.

Congregation, families and parts of families, 38 ; individuals, 215 ; baptisms, adults, 2, infants, 10, total 12 ; confirmed, 6 ; communicants, added, 8, died, 2, removed, 4, stricken from list on account of non-attendance at communion, 2, separated from the church, 2, present number, 54 ; marriages, 5 ; burials, 5 ; public services, on Sundays, 53, other days, 23, total, 76 ; children catechised, frequently ; 1 Sunday School, teachers, 15, pupils, 125 ; collections, Episcopal Fund, \$7,28, Convention Fund, \$7,75, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$7,50, missionary purposes, \$17,29, Tract and Prayer Book Societies, \$12,80, other purposes, \$58 ; total, \$110,63.

CHRIST CHURCH, LEACOCK.

Congregation, families, and parts of families, 37 ; individuals, 175 ; baptisms, adults, 2, infants, 4, total, 6 ; confirmed, 6 ; communicants, added, 7, died, 2, removed, 5, separated from the church, 1, present number, 40 ; Marriages, 1 ; burials, 4 ; public services, on Sundays, 34, other days, 6 ; total 40 ; children catechised, often ; Sunday Schools, 1 ; teachers, 6 ; pupils,

45; collections, Episcopal Fund, \$3,75, Convention Fund, \$3,00, missionary and other purposes, \$37,75, total, \$44,50.

This congregation continues to afford encouraging indications of improvement. The church, it is hoped, will this summer, be placed in a state of complete repair.

Report of the Rev. Levi Bull, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Chester county, and St. Thomas' Church, Morgantown, Berks Co., and Bangor Church, Church Town, Lancaster Co.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CHESTER CO.

Baptisms, infants, 3; communicants, present number 49; public service, once every Lord's day, extra services about 12, total, 64; besides about 20 at associations, &c.; Sunday school, 1; teachers, male, 6, female, 5; pupils about 40, in general attendance; children catechised on alternate Sundays, during summer; collections for foreign and domestic missions.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, MORGANTOWN, BERKS CO.

Baptisms, infants, 2; communicants, present number, 64; public services every Sunday once; extra services about 10, total 62; Sunday school, 1; teachers, male, 8, female, 10; pupils 45, usually present; children catechised during summer on alternate Sundays; collections for missionary purposes have been made in both churches, and made for the Convention Fund, at Morgantown, \$1,95, and for the Episcopal Fund, \$8,55.

BANGOR CHURCH.

I have resigned the pastoral charge of St. Mary's Church, Warwick township, and county of Chester, after having had the pastoral charge thereof for more than forty years, and have accepted the charge of Bangor church, Church Town, Lancaster county. Of the latter I have no report to make, but to say that I have preached there three Sundays, and administered the holy communion once. The prospect of my being useful is rather encouraging.

Collections have been raised, for the Convention Fund, \$4,50, and for the Episcopal Fund, since I took charge of the parish, \$8,00.

Report of the Rev. John B. Colhoun.

For several months past my health, which was for some time too infirm to permit me to officiate as often as I would have wished, has been perfectly restored. Since my last report, however, I have preached upwards of 55 times, administered the Holy Communion 6 times, baptized 4 infants, 3 of whom belong to the diocese of New Jersey, besides frequently assisting the clergy of the city and neighbourhood in conducting the public services of the Church.

Report of the Rev. William M. Carmichael, Rector of Christ Church, Meadville, Crawford county, Pa.

Congregation, families, 50; adults, 130, children, 100, total, 230; baptisms, adults, 4, infants, 24, total, 28; confirmed, 25; communicants, added, 4, died or removed, 1, present number, 75; marriages, 1; burials, 1; public services, on Sundays twice, other days occasionally; children catechised, times 10; Sunday Schools, 1; male teachers, 5, female teachers, 11; pupils, 100; collections, Christmas Fund, \$10,01, Convention Fund, \$5,50, Missionary Fund, \$7,31, total, \$22,82.

In addition to the above, there has been about \$100 collected for the purpose of increasing the Sunday School library, and the purchasing of Tracts, which are distributed monthly by the rector to every family of the parish, and frequently, as the opportunity offers, to the destitute in the surrounding country.

Within a short period, the ladies of the Female Sewing Society, have made a donation to the church, of a splendid bible and prayer book for the desk, besides their constant and repeated benefactions to the poor and needy.

It may be proper also here to remark, that there has been a debt accumulating against this church for several years past, until it amounted in all, principal and interest, to the sum of \$900 and upwards. This was found to be a most grievous burden, as well as a most serious obstacle to the prosperity of the church. It was, in fact, an evil which could not be borne any longer than the circumstances of the case should imperatively demand. That time has recently transpired, and the consequence has been, that by the determination and co-operation, of a few energetic ladies of the congregation, the whole amount of

the debt has not only been subscribed, but more than two-thirds of it has actually been paid off within a short period, and the remainder is so secured, as to be—beyond the reach of any contingency,—forthcoming some time during the next year.

During the past year, I would also state, that I have preached several times at Greenville, about twenty-five miles distant, in the adjoining county of Mercer, twice at New Castle, in Butler county, about fifty miles distant, and once at Wilmington in the same region, at the request of the Bishop. Other and more frequent services would have been rendered at other points, but owing to the badness of the roads and ill health, I have been able to perform no more than those mentioned above, and then only as I might be favored with the assistance of the Rev. Mr. Lord, to whom I am under many obligations for the performance of duties during my repeated indisposition during the past year.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Cowell, Rector of Christ Church, Brownsville.

Congregation, families, 57 ; adults, 125 ; children, 85 ; total, 209 ; baptisms, adults, 4 ; children, 13 ; total, 17 ; confirmations, 2 ; communicants added, 8 ; died or removed, 11 ; present number, 62 ; marriages, 3 ; burials, 8 ; public services on Sundays, 96 ; other days, 57 ; total, 153 ; Bible class, 1 ; Sunday school, male teachers, 5 ; female teachers, 8 ; male scholars, 33 ; female scholars, 59 ; total teachers and scholars, 105 ; collections, general missions, \$65 82 ; benevolent purposes, \$197 28 ; total, \$263 10.

This Parish under the favor of Divine Providence continues to be prospered, as will be seen by comparing the present statistics with those of former years.

The unusually large number of removals from the communion arises from several sources, one of which, it may be proper to mention, is the official displacement of sundry persons whose names I found on the list when I took charge of the Parish, but who have not been in the habit of communing with the church. The Rector deeming it his duty to present to the Convention, those only whose life and conduct was in accordance with their profession.

Among the auxiliaries to the preached word which have exerted a beneficial influence upon the Church the past year, is the

Parish Library. This institution, humble though it be, has yet been fruitful in much good, and gives fair promise for the future. The books, containing useful knowledge, with purity of doctrine and attractiveness of style, have not only been the means of guiding some into the way of peace, but also have been more extensively circulated among the people than might at first have been expected. Forty volumes, at least, are out nearly all the time, which considering the size of the Parish, augurs favorably for the institution.

Report of the Rev. J. M. Childs, Rector of St. David's Church, Radnor, Delaware co.

Congregation, families, 65 ; baptisms, adults, 1 ; infants, 4 ; total, 5 ; communicants, added, 6 ; removed, 1 ; present number, 49 ; marriages, 1 ; burials, 14 ; public services on Sundays, 141 ; other days, 19 ; collections, Convention fund, \$2 70 ; other purposes, 37 26 ; total \$39 96.

Rev. Mr. Bacheller resigned on the third Sunday in Advent. The present Rector received a call the 12th of January, but did not enter upon the discharge of his duties regularly until April. In the interval, the place was supplied by the kindness of the Rev. Thomas G. Allen, who besides other offices, admitted all those who were added as new, to the Communion. There is much to encourage the Rector, in the attendance and interest manifested by the Congregation.

Report of the Rev. Samuel A. Clark, Rector of Advent Church, N. L., Philada.

Advent Church became vacant by the resignation of its late Rector on the 19th of March, 1848. The present incumbent entered upon his duties on the 1st of May, and from the documents before him makes the following report :—

Baptisms, adults, 4 ; infants, 13 ; total, 17 ; communicants on church record, 160 ; marriages, 8 ; burials, 7 ; Sunday schools, male, 1 ; teachers, 12 ; pupils, 112 ; female, 1 ; teachers, 13 ; pupils, 113 ; total, schools, 2 ; teachers, 25 ; pupils, 225 ; Bible classes, 1 ; contributions for various purposes, about \$650 00.

Report of the Rev. William J. Clark, Rector of Christ Church, Williamsport, Lycoming County.

Congregation, families, 16 ; baptisms, infants, 7 ; communi-

cants added, 1 ; total, 16 ; burials, infants, 1 ; public services, on Sundays, 105 ; other days, 25 ; total, 130 ; children catechised, 20 ; every Sunday morning ; Sunday school, female teachers, 5 ; female pupils, 23 ; male pupils, 24 ; Bible class, 1 ; members, 5 ; collection, Episcopal fund, \$5 ; Missionary purposes, \$14 ; other Ch. institutions, \$5 50 ; Church debt, \$346 23 ; fence for the Church, \$40 ; incidental purposes, \$35.

There is but little to record respecting the condition of the parish at the present time. The general aspect of the parish has improved, although we have added but one family to the church during the year. Our Church debt has been reduced by the kindness of our friends, and the persevering industry of the ladies of the parish, to a little over two hundred dollars. I must not omit to record the generous and timely gifts by the American Sunday School Union of two libraries for my Sunday school, comprising two hundred volumes.

Report of the Rev. J. C. Clay, D. D., Rector of Gloria Dei Church, Southwark.

Congregation, families, 180 ; baptisms, adults, 7 ; infants, 72 ; total, 79 ; confirmed, 11 ; communicants, added, 14 ; died or removed, 17 ; present number, 152 ; marriages, 50 ; burials, 22 ; public services, on Sundays, 104 ; other days, 65 ; total, 169 ; children catechised, openly in the church, 7 times, Sunday schools, male, 1 ; teachers, 8 ; pupils, about 70 ; female, 1 ; teachers, 13 ; pupils, 180 ; total, schools, 2 ; teachers, 21 ; pupils, 250 ; Bible classes, 2 ; members, 14 ; collections, Episcopal fund, \$10 ; Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, 20 ; Missionary and other purposes, \$170.

Report of the Rev. John B. Clemson, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester.

This parish is united and harmonious, and gives evidence of a healthy and encouraging growth and prosperity.

The Sunday Schools maintain their usual standing and numbers.

The children of the parish and schools are catechised openly in the church once a month, and are the objects of a constant, particular regard.

The Church has undergone extensive repairs and embellishments, which has been greatly to its improvement.

The parish is now erecting at a liberal expenditure, on a beautiful and commodious plan, and adjacent to the church, a rectory. The several flourishing boarding schools in the borough, now numbering six, render the position of the parish of peculiar importance.

Baptisms, adults, 1, infants, 2; marriages, 10; burials, 2; communicants, added, 10, removed, 3, died, 1, whole number, 50; collection for Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, \$16,00, Episcopal Fund, 4,50, Convention Fund, 4,50, domestic missions, 48,58, foreign missions, 47,00, repairs of church, 450,00, other objects of benevolence, 63,78, total, \$634,36.

Report of the Rev. John Coleman, Rector of Trinity Church, Southwark.

Congregation, families, 205; adults, 630, children, 370, total, 1000; baptisms, adults, 9, children, 51, total, 60; confirmed, 28; communicants, last reported, 401, died, 8, removed, 27, added, 32, present number, 399; marriages, 19; burials, 34; public services, on Sundays, 116, other days, 48, total, 164; children catechised, 12 times, "openly in the church;" Sunday schools, male, 1, teachers, 11, pupils, 115; female, 2, teachers, 36, pupils, 281; total, schools, 3; teachers, 47; pupils, 396; bible classes, 2; members, 33; collections, Convention Fund, \$16,69; Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, 50,00; Christmas Fund for disabled clergymen, 17,56; Floating Chapel for seamen, 250,00; Missionary and other purposes, (of which the Sunday schools contributed \$184,58,) 777,50; total, \$1111,75.

Report of the Rev. William C. Cooley, Rector of Trinity Church, Pottsville.

During the last conventional year, we have by the Divine blessing on our labors, been able to build a church suited to the wants of this place. It stands upon the site of the old one, and will seat exactly nine hundred and eight adult persons comfortably, and has every third pew throughout the body of the edifice set apart to remain *permanently* free, thus making room for three hundred worshippers to come and partake of the

water of life freely. This is a feature in church accommodation indispensable to the successful discharge of that most bounden duty of preaching the gospel to the poor. And I desire in this report to record my sincere thanks, first to the Great Head of the Church, and then to those into whose hearts He has put the benevolent desire of so contributing to this church, that it is perfectly adapted to the circumstances of the people of the place and its vicinity.

The church is built of stone, in the early English Gothic style, in every way church-like, and when completed will be well calculated to attract worshippers, and also to predispose them to be solemn and devout within its hallowed courts. Already has the attendance upon service nearly doubled, though we have been worshipping in the church only a few months, thus giving an earnest of the rich harvest that may yet be gathered by the faithful laborer in this field.

Besides the building of the church, we have been enabled to accomplish another object of great importance to the interests and prospects of the parish. We have obtained a lot for a cemetery, containing some four acres of ground conveniently located, for the purposes of burial, and shall in a short time have it fenced and prepared for use. This will enable us to gather many who have strayed away, but who in all their wanderings have not been able to forget the Church's solemn burial service, or to banish the strong desire to be buried in ground consecrated by the same rites which gave peace to the ashes of their fathers.

Services have been regularly held on Sundays, but owing to the fact of our being obliged to worship in a house not at other times under our control, I have not been able to have service on Saints' days and holy days as usual. For the same reason our Sunday school was discontinued for a season, but it has been reopened with about the same number of teachers and pupils as formerly, and I trust it will continue to increase until the lambs of the flock shall all be brought under the salutary discipline and teaching of the Church.

As we have so recently commenced worshipping in the new church, it is impossible to give an accurate report of the present number of stated worshippers. For missionary and other purposes we have made the following appropriations.

To the Rev. Mr. Starky, missionary in parts adjacent, \$200,00; Bishop's fund, 10,00; Advancement Society, 5,00; domestic missions, 12,00; for an organ in the new church, 875,00, being the proceeds of a fair held by the ladies. I have had 2 adult baptisms, 87 infants and children; 17 funerals, 12 marriages.

Report of Rev. A. S. Colton, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Bradford County.

Last June, while officiating in Towanda, I baptized in the township of Cherry, Sullivan county, 4 adults and 6 children in two families, in a neighborhood where several families desire the services of the church, but quite remote from any of our parishes.

July 20th, I resigned the rectorship of the parish in Towanda, and engaged in missionary services at St. Matthew's, in the township of Pike, where I became rector about the 1st of October.

This parish has been long neglected, and in the absence of records, for the past, I cannot pretend to entire accuracy in the statistics. The number of families may be set down at about 35; worshippers about 130; communicants 23; public services twice each Sunday, in the church; and once in two weeks, a third service at a school-house, at Stevensville, as also on the principal holy days, and Wednesday nights since the beginning of Lent. The Sunday school, owing to the distance of parishioners is small; taught mostly by myself; children taught the catechism regularly in the school; collections for foreign missions, \$4,25; domestic, 5,00; Convention Fund, 2,00.

Report of the Rev. Thomas Crumpton, Rector of Christ Church, Allegheny, Allegheny co.

The congregation is considerably increased since my last report; but I am not able to ascertain the number of persons or families that belong to it.

There have been 1 adult and 22 infants baptized, total, 23. No confirmations. There have been 6 communicants added, 4 died or removed, leaving the present number, 87. The number of burials has been 9. There have been 103 public services on Sundays; on other days, 19; total, 122. The children have

been catechised for some months past every afternoon, immediately before evening service. Our Sunday school consists of 5 male teachers and 5 female; total, 10 teachers, 28 male pupils, and 40 female; total, 68.

The indebtedness of the congregation for the Church building has made it inexpedient to make any collections, but to meet the demands that have been made against us. During the past year, we have been able, among ourselves, to pay the interest on our debt, and to liquidate some claims that were against us.

Report of the Rev. Thomas J. Davis.

That since the last Convention, he has performed divine service 38 times, and assisted therein 43; also preached 36: baptized 20 infants, administered the holy communion 4 times, and assisted therein 11; solemnized 5 marriages, and performed the funeral rite, 7 times.

Report of the Rev. Wm. N. Diehl, Rector of St. Thomas's Church, Whitmarsh, Montgomery co.

Congregation, families, 36; adults, 125: children, 53; total, 178; baptisms, adults, 6; infants, 7; total, 13; confirmed, 7; communicants added, 12; removed, 2; present number, 45; marriages, 2; burials, 2; public services, on Sundays, 53; other days, 10; total, 63; children catechised, 60; times monthly, in the church; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 2; pupils, 30; female, 1; teachers, 4; pupils, 30: total, schools, 2; teachers, 6; pupils, 61: collections, Episcopal fund, \$3 50; Society Advancement of Christianity, 12 00; Missionary and other purposes, 75 00; total, \$90 50.

In compliance with the requisition of Canon 7 of 1841, the undersigned adds the following statement to his report;

Public services in the parish of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, 40: baptisms, in do., adults, 7; children, 13; total, 20; burials in public cemeteries, 2.

Report of the Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, 220; baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 47; total, 50; confirmed, 14; communicants added, 23; died or removed, 18; present number, 417; marriages, 10; burials,

38; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 187; total, 291; children catechised, 300; times, 12; the last Sunday afternoon in each month. Sunday schools, male, 2; teachers, 12; pupils, 104; female, 2; teachers, 33; pupils, 200; total, schools, 3; teachers, 45; pupils, 304; Bible classes, 2; members, 25; collections, Episcopal fund, \$150 00; Convention fund, 50 00; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, 271 27; Missionary and other purposes, 5470 90; total, \$5942 17.

The above contributions were to the following objects, viz: Convention and Episcopal funds, \$200 00; General Theol. Seminary, 20 00; Prayer Book Societies, 250 00; Sunday schools, 310 36; Missions, 1341 27; Relief of parish poor, 1113 58; Floating Chapel for seamen, 500 00; Calvary Church, a monument to Bishop White, seats free, 1760 00; Aid to other churches, 406 96; total, \$5942 17.

Report of Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Presbyter.

Baptisms, infants, 5; marriages, 3; funerals, 5; performed Divine service about 120 times; administered the communion and assisted about 13 times.

I have preached frequently for my brethren, visited the sick and lectured to Sunday schools. I have administered the holy communion in churches in which the pastors, being in Deacon's orders, were not invested with authority to dispense that sacrament. I have frequently, on invitation, officiated in the diocese of New Jersey. I have performed every duty solicited by my Bishop, and thus endeavored to "make full proof of my ministry."

Report of the Rev. J. G. Downing, Rector of St. James' Church, Muncy, Lycoming co.

Having been in charge of the above parish only since the end of February, I have necessarily very little to report.

Communicants, about 100; removed, 5; received from other cures, 3; burials, 2; Sunday schools, 1; male teachers, 5; female teachers, 7; pupils, 70; children catechised, times, 2. I have regular services twice on Sundays.

During Lent the church was open for prayers and lecture every Wednesday and Friday, as well as every other day during Passion Week.

I officiate every alternate Sunday afternoon at Goosetown, to a very interesting congregation. I have visited and preached once at Hughesburg, where it is my intention to hold regular service every alternate Sunday, as soon as it can be done.

Since I came here, I have spent a good deal of time in parochial visiting; I have now nearly completed my plan of visiting every family and member of the church and congregation.

Report of the Rev. Geo. C. Drake, Rector of St. James' Church, Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill co.

Congregation, families, 29 ; adults, 64 ; children, 57 ; total, 121 ; baptisms, adults, 1 ; infants, 13 ; total, 14 ; confirmed, 3 ; communicants, added, 2 ; died or removed, 2 ; present number, 27 ; marriages, 4 ; burials, 7 ; public services, on Sundays, 87 ; other days, 7 ; total, 94 ; Sunday school, teachers, 6 ; pupils, about 50 ; collections, Episcopal Fund, \$4 40 ; Convention fund, 1847, 5 00 ; Soc. Adv., 6 00 ; Domestic Missions, 13 ; Christmas fund, 3 90 ; Sunday school, 7 97 ; Convention fund, 1848, 5 00 ; total, \$45 27.

The Vestry at a recent meeting determined to make the seats in the church free, and raise the salary of the minister by subscription. This change, it is to be hoped, will be justified by the results. The adult baptism, herewith reported, was performed in the waters of the Schuylkill by immersion.

Report of the Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philada.

Baptisms, adults, 4 ; children, 26 ; total, 30 ; confirmed, 18 ; (one a sick person, in private,) marriages, 12 ; funerals, 24 ; public services, on Sundays, 100 ; other days, 65 ; public catechising of all the children of the parish and of the Sunday school, as usual, every Sunday in Lent, being 6 times ; collections, for the Advancement Society, \$816 64 ; general Missions, 218 50 ; Episcopal fund, 150 ; Christmas fund, 28 75 ; Convention fund, 25 ; charitable offerings, stated and special, 218 63 ; for the mission at Valle Crucis, N. Carolina, being the alms at the offertory on the 2d Sunday in Advent last, 121 71 ; total, \$1650 93.

The communicants in this parish amount, it is calculated, to more than 300 ; but neither their number, nor that of the families attached to it, has been accurately ascertained. The same

ought to be said of very unusual amounts of money received from private sources, for poor churches, and various other objects of religion and charity. No sums are reported by the Rector, but such as pass through the hands of the Treasurer of the Vestry.

Report of the Rev. Heman Dyer, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Pittsburg, Allegheny county.

Congregation, families, 21 ; adults, 50 ; children, 30 ; total, 80 ; baptisms, infants, 2 ; total, 2 ; communicants, 28 ; marriages ; 2 ; burials, 2 ; public services, on Sundays, 35 ; Sunday schools, 1 ; teachers, 10 ; pupils, 50.

Besides the above services, I have officiated one or more times in the churches at Uniontown, Brownsville, and Allegheny city. I have also attended a Bible class connected with St. Andrew's Church.

Report of the Rev. George A. Durborow, Rector of the Church of the Redemption, Fairmount, S. G.

Families, over 90 ; services and sermons, 130 ; baptisms, adults, 5 ; infants, 47 ; total, 52 ; confirmed, 13 ; communicants, over 40 ; marriages, 11 ; burials, 33 ; Sunday school teachers, 15 ; scholars, 170.

This mission still continues its usefulness, and during the past year has enjoyed many marks of the divine approval. And we pray that he, who has put it into our hearts to begin this good work will give us grace, and strength, and means, to continue our labors for the welfare of souls, and to the praise of his great name.

Report of the Rev. J. H. Fowles, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Phila.

Baptisms, infants, 69 ; confirmed, 25 ; communicants, removed or died, 31 ; added, 47 ; present number, 540 ; marriages, 15 ; burials, adults, 13 ; children, 8 ; total, 21 ; Sunday school, teachers, 75 ; pupils, 820 ; public services, 201 ; contributions towards religious and charitable objects, \$7,907.81 $\frac{1}{4}$, the larger part of which has been appropriated towards the liquidation of a debt.

Report of the Rev. William Flint, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Erie, Erie county.

Congregation, families, 80 ; adults 180 ; children, 165 ; total, 345 ; baptisms, adults, 1 ; infants, 11 ; total, 12 ; confirmed, 7 ; communicants added, 16 ; died or removed, 10 ; separated themselves, 2 ; present number, 81 ; marriages, 5 ; burials, 7 ; public services, on Sundays, 94 ; other days, 10 ; total, 104 ; children catechised, times, occasionally ; Sunday schools, 1 ; teachers, 12 ; pupils, 55 ; collections, Convention fund, \$9 00 ; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, 1 00 ; Missionary and other purposes, 80 40 ; Improvement of the Church, 1800 00 ; total, \$1890 40.

During the year, the church edifice has been enlarged and improved at an expense of \$2300 00 ; the greater part of which has been paid. The remaining debt will soon be cancelled, it is believed, by the sale of pews. The Ladies' Sewing Society contributed \$225 00, to the improvement of the church.

Report of the Rev. George G. Field, Rector of St. John's Church, Huntingdon, Huntingdon county.

Congregation, families, 14 ; adults, 32 ; children, 34 ; total, 64 ; baptisms, adults, 1 ; infants, 3 ; total, 4 ; confirmed, 6 ; communicants added, 5 ; removed, 3 ; present number, 20 ; marriages, 1 ; burials, 2 ; public services on Sundays, 96 ; other days, 41 ; total, 137 ; Sunday schools, 1 ; teachers, 5 ; pupils, 19 ; collections, Episcopal fund, \$2 30 ; Convention fund, 2 00 ; Jewish Mission fund, 2 05 ; Convocation fund, \$9 79 $\frac{3}{4}$; Female Tract Society, 2 21 ; Missionary and other purposes, 18 01 ; total, 36 36 $\frac{3}{4}$.

Report of the Rev. George D. Miles, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne co.

The present Rector entered upon his duties on the first Sunday in April. This, together with the fact that the parish has been without regular ministrations since last August, will account for the omission of the usual statistics. The congregation has been kept together, and services conducted both in the church and lecture room, by laymen connected with the parish. The number of communicants is about 80 ; two new ones added on Easter Sunday. The number of scholars attending the Sunday school, since April 1st, has averaged about 106. The number of teachers, is 18 ; 12 female, and 6 male. The general

appearance of the parish is prosperous and encouraging. Convention collection, \$10 64.

Report of the Rev. Kingston Goddard, Rector of the Church of the Atonement.
Philadelphia.

The rector of the Church of the Atonement would beg leave respectfully to report to the Right Rev. the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, that it is impossible for him to give as detailed a report of the circumstances and condition of his parish as canon 12 calls for.

Owing to the rapid increase of the families of the parish since the opening of the church on the first Sunday in Advent, the accounting warden informs me that ninety-six pews have been sold and rented, of which number sixty are purchased by the occupants. This will give about one hundred families regularly connected with the church, with their average proportion of adults and children. On Easter Sunday we had ninety-six communicants present. There have been no baptisms nor marriages. The number of funerals in the parish have been eight.

The following public services have been held; during the fall of 1847, prior to our occupancy of the present church building, we had public service and a sermon on the afternoon of every Sunday at Wills Hospital.

Since opening the church, we have had regular morning and evening service at 10½ o'clock and 5 o'clock in winter, and 10¼ and 3½ during the spring months, with the exception of the third Sunday in each month, when the evening service is at 7½ o'clock. In addition to the regular Sunday services there have been two lectures during the week, on Wednesday and Saturday evenings. During the season of Lent the week day services included an additional sermon in the church on Friday afternoon. All the services with but very little assistance, have been performed by the rector.

Our Sunday School numbers about 200 scholars and over 25 teachers, including an infant school and male and female Bible classes. The rector has also made arrangements for a weekly female Bible class, to meet during the summer, and to be under his personal instruction.

Our contributions are as follows; Christmas fund, \$30 00, Sunday School fund, 70 00, Fair for Seamen's Friend Society,

325 00, Church contributions, &c., 170 00, Convention fund, 37 00; subscription for Communion set, silver, 220 00, total, \$852 00.

The receipts for the pews fully meet *every* expense of the parish, with a small surplus.

Report of the Rev. Richard D. Hall.

Since the first week in August last, in addition to previous bodily infirmity, I have in the providence of God been overtaken by an increase of sickness, so as to be rendered more unfit for clerical duty; and only on Good Friday and the Sunday after Easter, have I attempted to deliver a sermon. The other items of ministerial duty are very limited, having performed two marriages, one burial, an adult, preached on twelve occasions, and assisted at two communions.

Report of the Rev. A. B. Hard, Rector of St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, Delaware county.

Baptisms 8, infants, 7, adults, 1; marriages, 7; burials, 2; additions to communion, 5; died and removed, 5; present number, 71. Several persons are prepared to unite in communion who are waiting for the rite of confirmation. Sermons preached, about 60, besides weekly lectures throughout the year; Sunday schools, 2; teachers, 10, scholars, 80; contributions, Domestic Missions, \$10 75, Episcopal Fund, 3 75, Convention Fund, 5 00.

For near three months past, on account of bronchial affection, the rector has been obliged to suspend his usual public services; the pulpit has been regularly supplied by clerical brethren from the city and neighborhood.

Report of the Rev. G. Emlen Hare, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, Philadelphia County.

Congregation, families, 50; baptisms, infants, 8, total, 8; communicants, added, 7, removed, 3, present number, 50; burials, 5; public services, on Sundays, 104, other days 12, total, 116; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 5, pupils, 40; female, 1; teachers, 7; pupils, 40: colored school, scholars, 8,

infant school, 20 ; total, schools, 4, teachers, 15, pupils, 108 ; bible classes, 1, members, 6 ; collections, Episcopal Fund, \$10 22, Convention Fund, 5 00, Missionary purposes, 37 28 ; total, \$53 50.

Report of Benj. J. Douglass, Deacon.

It may not be inappropriate in connexion with the report of the parish, to refer to the circumstances of my ordination in February last. The rector of the church to which I am attached (St. Matthew's, Francisville,) being at the same time Principal of the Protestant Episcopal Academy, the growing state of the academy seemed to demand almost all his time, while the employment of some one who would assist him in the duties of the parish; now also increasing, was absolutely necessary. The need of one who would fill the pulpit on Sundays was not felt, but there was a great need of one who would preach from "house to house," who could assist in divine service, visit the sick, provide for the poor, and perform such other duties as are represented in the ordinal to pertain to the office of Deacon. At the request of the rector, and with the consent of the Bishop, I have undertaken this duty—having been ordained before the regular period, and the license to preach having on that account been withheld. Besides the duties thus devolving on me in the parish, I have continued to act as Assistant in the Protestant Episcopal Academy.

Report of Rev. N. Sayre Harris, Rector of the Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden.

Baptisms, adults, 2, infants, 27, total, 29 ; confirmed, 12 ; communicants, added, 39, died or removed, 19, present number, 118 ; marriages, 10 ; burials, 14 ; public services, on Sundays, 96, other days, 31, total, 127 ; children catechised every Sunday ; Sunday schools, male, 1, teachers, 10, pupils, 148 ; female, 1, teachers, 18, pupils, 173 ; infant, 2, teachers, 2, pupils, 200 ; total, schools, 4, teachers, 30, pupils 421 ; Bible classes, 2, members, 26 ; Collections, none taken up for reasons given to and approved of by you.

The parish continues in a promising condition.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Hazlehurst, Rector of the Church of the Messiah, Port Richmond, Philadelphia county.

Families, 38 ; adults, 75 ; baptisms, infants, 15 ; communicants added, 4 ; removed, 1 ; present number, 13 ; burials, 4 ; public services on Sundays, 87 ; other days, 15 ; total, 102 ; children catechised 3 times ; Sunday schools, 1 ; teachers, 11 ; pupils, 110.

The collections this year have been devoted to the erection of the church building and Sunday school.

My connexion with this parish commenced the 1st of March, 1847 ; and having been released from my engagements with the congregation of St. James' Church, Downingtown, on the 1st of June, my labors have been undivided since that period.

On the 28th of June, the Right Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, with religious services, laid the corner stone of our building : on Christmas day, the basement, a room capable of accommodating 350 persons, was completed and opened for public worship : on Easter day, the 23d of April, the church was opened for the first time, and on Easter Monday it was consecrated to the worship of Almighty God.

The congregations during the year, though quite small, have experienced a steady increase, and we trust that He who has so highly blest us in the erection of a sanctuary, will not withhold from us the reviving and sanctifying influences of His Holy Spirit this present year.

Report of the Rev. H. T. Hiester, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Lewistown, Mifflin county.

Congregation, families, 23 ; adults, 69 ; children, 57 ; total, 126 ; baptisms, infants, 4 ; communicants added, 6 ; removed, 6 ; whole number, 34 ; burials, 3 ; confirmed, 5 ; public services on Sunday, 104 ; other days, 50 ; total, 154 ; children catechised monthly ; Sunday schools, male, 1 ; teachers, 6 ; pupils, 30 ; female, 1 ; teachers, 3 ; pupils, 36 ; total, schools, 2 ; teachers, 9 ; pupils, 66 ; collections, Episcopal fund, \$3 43 ; Convention fund, 3 44 ; foreign missions, 20 00 ; domestic missions, 15 00 ; other purposes, 45 50 ; total, \$86 87.

Report of the Rev. William J. Hilton, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Kittanning, and Trinity Church, Freeport, Armstrong county.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, KITTANNING.

Baptisms, adults, 1 ; infants, 16 ; total, 17 ; communicants added, 14 ; present number, 53 ; confirmed, 17.

This parish is now in a more flourishing condition than it has ever been since its first organization. Our new church was finished last summer, and consecrated to the worship of Almighty God on the 27th of August last by the Bishop of the Diocese, since which time our prospects have continued to brighten.

The Rector has been much gratified with the large and regular attendance of the congregation, and the earnest heed which they seemed to give to the things which belong to their eternal peace. May the Lord continue to direct and prosper the labors of his unworthy servant !

All the usual collections have been taken up in this parish, though not mentioned in the above report, and will be handed to the persons authorized to receive them.

TRINITY CHURCH, FREEPORT.

Baptisms, infants, 13 ; adults, 1 ; total, 14 ; communicants added, 1 ; died, 1 ; present number, 56 ; confirmed, 6 ; Sunday schools, 1 ; teachers, 7 ; pupils, 50 ; collections for Advancement Society, \$10 00 ; Convention fund, 4 50.

But little or no change has taken place in the prospects of this parish during the past year, and all that the Rector has to encourage him here is the consciousness of having endeavoured to discharge the duties of his office faithfully ; and he would fain cherish the hope that his labors have not been altogether in vain, though but little fruit, thus far, has appeared.

Besides my regular services in my parishes, I have officiated several times at different places in the neighborhood, and once, but a few weeks ago, in the vacant parish of St. Michael's, Wayne township, Armstrong county. This parish is very anxious again to enjoy the services of the church of which they have for some time been deprived.

Report of the Rev. John W. Hoffman, Rector of St. John's Church, York, York county.

Congregation, families, 30 ; adults, 70 ; children, 28 ; total,

98 ; baptisms, adults, 2 ; infants, 17 ; total, 19 ; confirmed, 13 ; communicants added, 14 ; died or removed, 5 ; suspended, 1 ; present number, 43 ; marriages, 5 ; burials, 7 ; public services on Sundays, 101 ; other days, 63 ; total, 164 ; children catechised, 12 ; times, 4 ; Sunday schools, male, 1 ; teachers, 5 ; pupils, 20 ; female, 1 ; teachers, 7 ; pupils, 30 ; total, schools, 2 ; teachers, 12 ; pupils, 50 ; Bible classes, 1 ; members, 10 ; collections, Episcopal fund, \$5 00 ; Convention fund, 2 50 ; Society Advancement of Christianity, 2 50 ; missionary and other purposes, 20 00 ; total, \$30 00.

Report of the Rev. George P. Hopkins, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Doylestown.

The efforts which have been made to establish the services of our Church in Doylestown, have met with a measure of success which loudly calls for thankfulness to God: and while the missionary, under a profound impression of his own weakness and unworthiness, cannot but ascribe all the praise and the honor to that One source of grace and goodness, he feels himself abundantly blessed in being made the humble instrument of effecting some little good in the field wherein he has been laboring for the space of three years. Whatever difficulties and trials, therefore, have been encountered in the prosecution of the work thus far, he now feels inexpressibly happy in cherishing the hope that it has indeed been "the good pleasure of the *Lord*" which has prospered in his hands. On Easter Sunday our new church was opened for worship for the first time. This was a day long to be remembered by us all.

It gives me pleasure to be able to say that the interest of the people, in every thing appertaining to the Church, appears to be on the increase. May the Divine Spirit touch their hearts! May they soon become lively stones in the spiritual house of the Lord, being built up in their most holy places! Our congregations are evidently improving. The Sunday school, though small in number, occupies a large place in our hearts. The Rector is actively engaged in the instruction of the children of his flock. Before concluding this report he would express his sincere thanks to the pious ladies of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, as well as to numerous friends in Philadelphia, who have

taken so deep an interest in the erection of the beautiful edifice, which, but for their zeal and liberality, might never have been built.—“ They *have* their reward.”

Report of the Rev. M. A. De Wolfe Howe, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, 200; total, about 1000; baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 38; total, 40; confirmed, 15; communicants added, 57; died or removed, 14; present number, about 300; marriages, 10; burials, 11; public services on Sundays, 104; other days, 73; total, 177; children catechised, times, 7; Sunday schools, male, 2; teachers, 13; pupils, 152; female, 2; teachers, 22; pupils, 224; total, schools, 4; teachers, 35; pupils, 376; Bible classes, 4; members, 37 female, 25 male; parochial schools, 2; teachers, 2; pupils, 100; collections, Episcopal fund, \$77 38; Convention fund, 50 00; Society Advancement Christianity, 184 00; missionary and other purposes, 2029 77; total, \$2341 17.

Report of the Rev. B. S. Huntington.

Since my resignation of the parish of Rockdale, which occurred on the 27th of June, I have officiated at 4 marriages and 4 funerals; preached and lectured 14 times in neighboring parishes; and 100 times at the seminary under my charge at Aston Ridge.

Report of the Rev. M. Hirst, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Minersville, Schuylkill co.

Congregation, families, 25; adults, 150; children, 50; total, 200; baptisms, infants, 30; communicants, present number, 10; marriages, 4; burials, 10; public services, on Sundays, 72; other days, 10; total, 82; children catechised, 40; times, 4; Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 8; pupils, 40; collections, Soc. Adv. of Christianity, \$5; Convention fund, 2 50; other purposes, 200; total, \$207 50.

In addition to the above, I have officiated at Tremont, Costerville, Painsville, and Lewellyn.

Report of the Rev. [Joseph Jaquett.]

The Rev. Joseph Jaquett reports that during the past ecclesiastical year he has been teaching theological students in the Hebrew language.

Report of the Rev. Edward C. Jones, Rector of the Church of the Messiah,
[Southwark.]

From May last to January, 1848, I was engaged as Rector of the church of the Crucifixion, Moyamensing. From the latter period to the present, I have been occupied in building up a congregation in Southwark. Virtually, it is an endeavor, and thus far a successful one, to resuscitate a defunct parish, commenced under flattering auspices about six years ago. We have a steady congregation and a growing Sunday school. Burials, 4; marriages, 2; baptisms, 5; number of communicants, about 14; catechumens, 50; teachers, 5. I would also state that I have been engaged for the last seven months, as teacher of the Latin language and the higher branches of English literature in a Ladies' Seminary.

Report of the Rev. George Kirke, Rector of St. John's Church, New London, and
[St. James' Church, West Marlborough, and officiating as Missionary in various
[parts of Chester county.]

ST. JOHN'S, N. L.

Baptisms, children, 4; and 1 adult; 1 communicant added; died, 2; present number, 24; burials, 4; public services with sermons on the Lord's day, 27; other days, 16; total, 43; children catechised, 8 times; 1 Sunday school; 4 teachers; 20 pupils; 1 Bible class; collections, Episcopal fund, \$2 04; Convention fund, 2 00; Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, 3 00; Domestic Missions, 3 62½. The church edifice has also been repaired and painted by the parish, at an expenditure of \$50 00.

ST. JAMES', W. M.

Communicants, 2; services with sermons on the Lord's day, 23. Hitherto this church has been unconnected with the Convention, and for a number of years without a Vestry, those attending its services being chiefly the fluctuating population of the neighborhood. A Charter is, however, now in progress,

and it is hoped that at the period of another Convention, it will be admitted.

The Rector of the above mentioned churches, besides preaching at six other Churches, and several times at other places, has preached 25 times at the Chester County Prison, and 25 times at the County Poor House on the Lord's day, visiting such prisoners as have been discharged, prior to their liberation, and others as requesting either comfort or instruction at the former; and from two to four rooms occupied by the sick and afflicted, on each occasion of public service at the latter. Also, on the Lord's day, he has preached 8, and on other days, 3 times, above Fishville; and above Marshalltown, 16 times on the Lord's day; baptizing 4 children at the latter, and 4 at the former; marrying a couple from the neighborhood, and burying a child.

Report of the Rev. J. Long, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Montrose, Susquehanna co.

Congregation, families, 20; adults, 65; children, 20; total, 85; baptisms, infants, 3; communicants, added, 2; died, 2; present number, 23; holy communion administered, 8 times; confirmed, 6; marriage, 1; burials, 5; public services, on Sundays, 72; other days, 94; total, 166; children catechised, 12; times, 20; Sunday school, 1; scholars, 12; teachers, 3; Bible class, 1; members, 10; collections, Adv. Soc., \$4 28; additional, 1 00; Convention fund, \$1 85.

In the good providence of Him, "in whose hands are the hearts of all men," our prospects here have become more encouraging. Attendance upon the services of the church increases; and this is found chiefly among the young. Prejudice seems to be dying away, and men seem more disposed to consider the truth as taught by "the Church." There is yet much to be done; "there is yet room," room, not only in our churches but in this field for laborers. The Lord of the harvest be pleased to send forth at least another laborer into this part of his vineyard. We endeavor to wait in patience his own good time. Hitherto has he helped us, why should we even doubt now?

Report of St. Mark's Church, New Milford.

Congregation, families, 28; adults, 80; children, 30; total,

110; communicants, added, 2; present number, 28; holy communion administered, 8; confirmed, 4; burials, 1; public services, on Sundays, 45; other days, 12; total, 57; infant school, 18; Sunday school, 15; teachers, 4; Bible class, 16; children catechised, 12; times, 12; collection, for Adv. Soc., \$11 48; for Convention fund, \$3 15.

I have officiated at the Great Bend on Sundays, 12 times; other days, 2; total, 14; in St. Andrew's Church, Springville, on Sundays, 1; other days, 4; total, 5; presented for confirmation, 8; administered holy communion to a sick person, attended 4 funerals, and married 1 couple.

Report of the Rev. F. Lane, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, Bradford co.

The congregation was well sustained last summer and fall, but small through the winter, owing in a measure to the inaccessible position of our church in bad weather. The services on Sundays and other days will average nearly one service a week. There have been five burials. The amount raised for the Convention fund, \$1 50; for the Rector's salary, by subscription and donation, \$250. The Sunday school has been discontinued through the winter, but will be opened on my return.

Report of the Rev. Edmund Leaf, Rector of Christ Church, Pottstown, Montgomery county, and St. Gabriel's Church, Morlatten, Berks county.

CHRIST CHURCH, POTTSTOWN.

Congregation, families, 35; adults, 125; children, 54; total, 179; baptisms, children, 10; communicants received from other congregations, 3; died, 1; present number, 41; marriages, 5; burials, 9; public services, on Sundays, 52; other days, 65; total, 115; children catechised, 25; times monthly; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 65; female, 1; teachers, 8; pupils, 70; total, teachers, 14; pupils, 135; collections, for a bell, \$100 00; relief of a poor family, 30 00; Missionary and other purposes, 150 00; total, \$280 00.

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH, MORLATTIN.

Congregation, families, 57; adults, 250; children, 74; total, 324; baptisms, adults, 4; children, 17; total, 21; communicants added, 2; suspended, 2; died or removed, 4; present

number, 60 ; burials, 9 ; public services, on Sundays, 50 ; other days, 5 ; total, 55 ; children catechised, 30 ; times, publicly in the church, 6 ; in the Sunday schools, frequently ; Sunday schools, 3 ; male teachers, 10 ; female teachers, 15 ; scholars, 140 ; collections, for Missionary and other purposes, \$86 00.

Service is also held twice a month at Mount Airy, distant from Morlattan, about three miles. At this place there is a good prospect of building a church. There has been no confirmation in either of the congregations under my charge since the last report, in consequence of an accident by which the Bishop was disabled from keeping his appointment.

Report of the Rev. Milton C. Lightner, Rector of Christ Church, Danville, Columbia County.

Baptisms, infants, 30 ; communicants added, 11 ; died, 4 ; removed, 4 ; present number, 75 ; marriages, 10 ; burials, 21 ; public services, on Sundays, 119 ; other days, 57 ; total, 176 ; Sunday school, 1 ; male teachers, 6 ; female teachers, 12 ; scholars about 150 ; children catechised weekly in the Sunday school, and monthly, in the church ; collections, Convention fund, \$3 ; Foreign Missions, 16 ; Domestic Missions, 13 ; Bishop White Prayer Book Society, 8 ; Missionary, 2 ; other purposes, 175 ; total, \$215.

The Church in Derry is now in progress of erection, and will be completed, we trust, in the course of the summer.

Report of the Rev. Edwin N. Lightner, Rector of Christ (Swedes') Church, Upper Merion, Montgomery county.

Baptisms, adults, 2 ; infants, 11 ; confirmed, 6 ; marriages, 6 ; burials, 11 ; communion, times administered, 9 ; new communicants, 6 ; died or removed, 5 ; present number, 44 ; Sunday school during summer months, teachers, 8 ; scholars, average attendance, 35 ; collections, Bishop White Prayer Book Society, \$3 70 ; Wisconsin Swedish Mission, 8 00 ; Christmas fund, 3 00 ; Domestic Missions, 8 00 ; other purposes, \$12 00.

Report of the Rev. Samuel T. Lord, Meadville, Crawford county.

Public services, on Sundays, 60 ; other days, 8 ; total, 68 ; of which, 32 were given to Meadville, 2 to Belle Fonte, 1 to

New Castle, 2 to Greenville, 1 to Evansburg, 15 to Woodcock, 5 to Richmond, 6 to Vernon, and 4 elsewhere. Besides these, I have administered the holy communion once at Woodcock,—and assisted Dr. Carmichael in its administration 8 times, and read prayers for him when he preached about 9 times. For a few Sundays, I had a very interesting Bible class in this neighbourhood, and taught a number of children the catechism. My health has as yet not sufficiently recovered to warrant me in engaging fully in the active duties of the ministry, yet I try to do what I can.

Report of the Rev. Dr. Lyons.

¶ The Rev. Dr. Lyons, as required by the Canon, presents to the Right Rev. the Bishop of Pennsylvania, this report of his ministerial engagements during the past year. Since the last meeting of the Convention, he has officiated seventy-eight times, preached fifty-nine times, and taken a part in administering the Holy Communion on eight different occasions. Dr. Lyons begs to repeat here the statement, which he formerly put forth, “that he has never yet sought or accepted any compensation as a teacher of Christianity.”

Report of the Rev. A. A. Marple, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg.

There is no material difference in the affairs of the parish since the time of the last report. As far as general attendance in the sanctuary is concerned, our church can be said to be in a prosperous condition. Services have been held twice every Sunday excepting however 3 or 4 months in the fall and winter, when I was either partially or entirely disabled by an attack of fever. The amount of service performed would have been greater, but for this. I report 2 marriages; the baptism of 5 infants; and 9 burials; communicants added, 3; died or removed, 3; present number about 95. The Sunday school contains from 80 to 100 children; teachers, 20; collections, \$47 00.

Report of Rev. J. H. Marsden, Rector of Christ Church, Huntington township, Pa.

Baptisms, adults, 1, infants, 1; confirmed, 3; communicants, added, 3, died or removed, 1; marriages, 1; burials, 3.

Report of the Rev. J. Gordon Maxwell, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Kensington Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 3, infants, 16, total, 19; confirmed, 15; communicants, added, 20, died or removed, 6, present number, 196; marriages, 17; burials, 11; public services, on Sundays, 104, other days, 66, total, 170; children catechised, 300, times, monthly; Sunday schools, male, 1, teachers, 11, pupils, 154; female, 1, teachers, 24, pupils, 240; total, schools, 2, teachers, 35, pupils, 394; Bible classes, 2, members, 55, taught by the rector during the week; collections, Episcopal fund, \$7 00, missionary and other purposes, \$211; total, \$218 00.

Report of the Rev. Edwin Mendenhall, Rector of St. John's Church, Salem, Wayne County.

Congregation, families, 15; adults, 30, children, 25, total, 55; baptisms, adults, 3, children, 4, total, 7; confirmed, 3; communicants added, 4, removed, 3, present number, 20; marriages, 3; burials, 3; public services at Salem, 55; at Jones' settlement, 6; in Stirling, the adjoining township, 26; on other occasions, 3; total, 90; children catechised first Sunday in each month; Sunday school, 1; male teachers, 3; female, 4; pupils, 25; collections, for domestic missions, \$1 00, for parochial purposes, 3 00. Several visits paid to families who live too distant to attend the services of the church, religious instruction given, and the Lord's supper administered in private.

The services held in Stirling have been well attended, and a good degree of interest manifested. A reasonable prospect of organizing a congregation there.

Our church edifice is up and enclosed, and we hope to have it ready for consecration this fall.

Report of the Rev. Daniel S. Miller, Rector of St. Jude's Church, Spring Garden, Philadelphia County.

Since my ordination I have been engaged in the effort to procure the erection of a church in the northern part of Spring Garden, which by God's blessing, through the efficient zeal of the gentlemen interested, has been so far successful, that a parish has been organized under the name of St. Jude's church, of which I have been chosen rector, and steps are now taking

for the immediate erection of the building, a large portion of the funds having been subscribed.

In the effort to introduce the church services in this neighborhood and in other engagements, I have preached 52 times, read prayers 62 times, assisted at the communion 11 times; baptisms, 1; burials, 4, besides visiting the poor and sick.

Report of the Rev. George Mintzer, Rector of St James' Church, Perkiomen,
Montgomery County.

Congregation, families, 56; adults, 200, children, 160, total 360; baptisms, infants, 1, adults, 2, total, 3; confirmed, 6; communicants added, 6, died, 2, present number, about 84; children catechised, times 4, number, 8; marriages, 5; funerals, 10; public services, on Sundays, 52, other days, 3, total, 55; Sunday school, male, 1, teachers, 2, pupils, 40; female, 1, teachers, 8, pupils, 30; total, schools, 2, teachers, 10, pupils, 70; collections, Convention fund, \$3 53, missionary and other purposes, 30 00; in addition to this three hundred and thirty dollars has been collected to discharge the debt owing on the church building. The whole amount collected the present year \$363 53.

The rector of this church regularly performs divine service every Lord's day afternoon, at the Union Church, five miles distant from the parish church. He also has a lecture on Thursday evenings, at the house of Samuel Gumbes, where a room is fitted up for the purpose of divine worship.

Report of the Rev. Tobias H. Michell, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Waterford,
Erie county.

Congregation, families, 25, adults, 58, children, 32, total, 90; communicants added, 1, present number, 27; burials, 1; public services, on Sundays, 104, other days, 4, total, 108; children catechised, Sunday afternoons, openly in church.

The condition of this parish is much as it was at this period last year. The tendency however is rather to advance than to retrograde.

Report of the Rev. Henry E. Montgomery, Rector of All Saints' Church, Moyamensing, Philadelphia county.

Congregation, families, 120 ; adults, 220 ; children, 180 ; total, 400: baptisms, adults, 1, infants, 75, total, 76 ; confirmed, 16 ; communicants, present number, 85 ; marriages, 12 ; burials, 29 ; public services, on Sundays, 112, other days, 54, total, 166 ; children catechised, 180, times, 13 ; Sunday schools, male and female, 1, teachers, 15, scholars, 90 ; infant school, teachers, 4, pupils, 90 ; total, schools, 2, teachers, 19, pupils, 180 ; parochial school, teacher, 1, pupils, 40 ; Bible class, 1, members, 15 ; collections, missionary and other purposes, \$93,23.

During the past year, the chief strength of the parish has been exerted in building their church, and defraying the current expenses of the parish. Until last January, monthly collections were taken up for the building, and weekly collections are now made, which average a small and steady amount to help in supporting the parish. The church was consecrated on the 27th of last January, free of debt on the building, and we have good hope of being, ere long, self-supporting. During the past year, collections have been made for Foreign and Domestic Missions, for the Seamen's chapel in this port, and for the Sunday schools of the parish. The congregation is increasing steadily, and by the blessing of God, we hope soon to number in our fold, many straying sheep who have come from abroad as members of the same household of faith, but have grown utterly careless of their baptismal privileges.

Report of the Rev. R. U. Morgan, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Reading.

Congregation, families, 67, adults, 223, children, 120, total, 343 ; baptisms, 9 infants ; confirmed, 5 ; communicants, added, 14, died, 1, removed, 6, present number, 104 ; marriages, 5 ; burials, 4 adults, 4 children, total, 8 ; public services, Sundays, 101, other days, 48, total, 149 ; Sunday schools, 2, male teachers, 14, female, 12, male pupils, 68, female, 76, total, teachers, 26, pupils, 144 ; the children are catechised by the rector every month, in the Sunday schools ; collections, Board of Missions, \$67 58 ; 26 of which contributed by the children of the Sunday schools ; Convention fund, 11, enlarging and fur-

nishing the church, about 3,200, other parish objects, 282, total, \$3,560 58.

The church edifice, extended in length, 32½ feet, and greatly improved and beautified in the interior arrangements,—was reopened by the Bishop with appropriate services on the 4th Sunday after Epiphany, January 30th.

The congregation is increasing in proportion to our increased accommodations, and the prospects are encouraging.

Report of the Rev. B. Wistar Morris, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury, Northumberland co.

Congregation, families, 23, adults, 65, children, 79, total, 144 ; baptisms, adults, 1, infants, 18, total, 19 ; communicants, added, 8, died or removed, 1, present number, 29 ; burials, 3 ; marriages, 2 ; public services, on Sundays, 105, other days, 52, total, 157 ; Sunday schools, male, 1, teachers, 3, pupils, 12 ; female, 1, teachers, 8, pupils, 40 ; total, schools, 2, teachers, 11, pupils, 52 ; collections, Episcopal fund, \$5, Convention fund, 5, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, 6, Convocation fund, 18, Christmas fund, 2 50, for Northumberland Church, 89, missionary and other purposes, 28 17, Bishop White Prayer Book Society, 6 ; total, \$159 67. Of the 105 Sunday services reported, 9 were performed in Milton, 3 in Lewisburg, and the remainder divided between Sunbury and Northumberland.

The services at the latter place have been almost uniformly well attended. On the 20th of October last, the corner stone of a small church edifice, to be called St. Mark's Church, was laid by the Rev. G. W. Natt, of Bellefonte. Since that time, the building has so far progressed, that the congregation are enabled to occupy it, though the interior is still in an unfinished state.

I think that there is a good prospect of reviving the church in Milton. And it is quite important that some plan should be adopted to supply more frequent services there. If a missionary could be supported there for two or three years, to divide his time and labors between Milton and Lewisburg, there is hardly a doubt but that a congregation could be built up in both places.

From the pre-occupation of the ground in my immediate neighborhood, the growth of the church is necessarily slow. But there is still *some* advance. And we have the satisfaction of feeling that our growth is sound and healthy, and instead of fearing the work of time, believe that by God's continued blessing, the lapse of each year will but serve to strengthen attachment to the church, and confirm the conviction that her's are the old and true paths.

Report of the Rev. H. J. Morton, Rector of St. James' Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 7, infants, 36, total, 43; confirmed, 20; communicants, added, 30, died or removed, 6, present number, about 300; marriages, 3; burials, 6; public services, on Sundays, 104, other days, 100, total, 204; children catechised every Sunday afternoon except Communion Sundays; Sunday schools, male, 1, female, 2, total, schools, 3, teachers, 26, pupils, 185; parish day schools, 4 teachers, and about 160 scholars; Bible class, 1, members, 4; collections, Episcopal and Convention fund, \$204 83, Soc. Adv. of Christianity, 273 90, Missionary, 135 83, other purposes, 1276, total, \$1890 56; contributions to parish schools and other donations not recorded on the church books are not included in this report.

Report of the Rev. J. P. Nash, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Phoenixville, Chester co.

Congregation, families, 24, adults, 63, children, 49, total, 112; baptisms, adults, 2, infants, 5, total, 7; confirmed, 5; communicants, added, 5, died or removed, 4, present number, 16; marriages, 5; burials, 2; public services, on Sundays, 90, other days, 5, total, 95; children catechised, times, 10; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 40; collections, Convention fund, \$4 60, Soc. Adv. of Christianity, 5 25, missionary and other purposes, 27 17; total, \$37 02.

Report of the Rev. Richard Newton, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, 900; baptisms, adults, 4, infants, 14, total, 18; confirmed, 15; communicants, added, 20, died or removed, 12, present number, 400; marriages, 20; burials, 28; public

services, on Sundays, 104, other days, 130, total, 234; Sunday schools, male, 1, teachers, 13, pupils, 100; female, 1, teachers, 21, pupils, 140; infant pupils, 100; total, schools, 3, teachers, 34, pupils, 340; Bible classes, 3, members, 250; collections, Convention fund, \$20 00, Bishop's fund, 150, missionary and other purposes, 2300; total, \$2470.

Report of the Rev. Edmund Neville, Rector of St. Philip's Church, Spring Garden, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, 234; baptisms, adults, 5, infants, 22, total, 27; confirmed, 26; communicants, added, 35, died or removed, 24, present number, 329; marriages, 14; burials, 8; public services, on Sundays, 104, other days, 120, total, 224; children catechised, 4 times; Sunday Schools, male 1, teachers, 18, pupils, 215; female, 1, teachers, 20, pupils, 227; total, schools, 2, teachers, 38, pupils, 442; Bible classes, 2, members, 58; collections, Episcopal fund, \$200, Convention fund, 75, Missionary and other purposes, 4116; total, \$4391.

Report of the Rev. William Herbert Norris, Rector of St. John's Church, Carlisle, Cumberland co.

Baptisms, infants, 7; marriages, 5; funerals, 3; communicants, added, 3, died, 2, removed, 6, present number, 42; Sunday school, teachers, 5, pupils, 20; public services, twice on Sundays, once on holy days, daily in Passion Week, and on Wednesday and Friday of the other weeks in Lent; collections, Episcopal fund, \$15 00, Convention fund, 6 19, missionary and other purposes, 124 50; total, \$145 69.

Report of the Rev. Wm. H. Odenheimer, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Phila.

Congregation, families, 250; baptisms, adults, 11, infants, 80; infant baptized in private, 1; total, 92; confirmed, 27; communicants, added, 28, died and removed, 12; present number, 359; marriages, 13; burials, 32; public services, on Sundays, 109, on holy days, 83, on other days, 570, at Christ Church hospital, 27, total, 800; public discourses, sermons, 117, lectures, 30, homilies, 18, at Christ Church hospital, 27, total, 192; the Lord's Supper administered, 51 times, at Christ Church hospital, 6 times, total, 57; children catechised, openly

in the church, monthly ; Sunday schools, male, 1, teachers, 11, pupils, 93 ; female, 1, teachers, 30, pupils, 170 ; infant, 1, teachers, 9, pupils, 104 ; catechetical classes, 2, teachers, 2, pupils, 32 ; Bible class, 1, teacher, 1, pupils, 36 ; day school 1, teachers, 2, pupils, 116 ; adult school, 1, teachers, 6, pupils, 33 ; collections, special, for missions, in conformity with the Bishop's pastoral letter, \$888 56, Society for Advancement of Christianity, 500 00, Bible Committee of Advancement Society, 55 00, Bishop White Prayer Book Society, 100 00, Female Prayer Book Society, 50 00, General Theological Seminary, 50 00, missionary and other purposes, 1717 35 ; total, \$3360 91.

In addition to which sum, there have been distributed in parochial charities, not derived from collections in the church, \$854 17.

The many benevolent and charitable applications which are answered by private donations, in preference to the public channel of quarterly collections, and the offertory, render it impossible for the rector to report more than an approximation to the effective pecuniary contributions of the parish.

The church is open for the morning and evening prayer daily throughout the year ; for the Litany and a homily at 12 o'clock every Wednesday and Friday during the season of Lent ; and for the administration of the Lord's Supper, (and sermon or lecture,) on every holy day, in addition to the first Sunday in the month, Easter-day, Whitsunday, Trinity Sunday, and Thanksgiving day.

A new register of the communicants of the parish has been prepared since last report.

Report of the Rev. Frederick Ogilby, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 2, infants, 27, total, 29 ; confirmed, 14 ; communicants, added, 18, died, 9, removed, 13, total, 236 ; funerals, 16 ; public services on Sundays, 116, week days and festivals, 198 ; children of the parish catechised in church at public service every third Sunday afternoon ; Sunday schools, little or no variation from report of last year.

The congregation have obtained a new organ at a cost of \$1200, and the interior of the church has been much improved

by the removal of a portion of the gallery. The burden of this necessary expense has somewhat diminished our charitable contributions for the year past.

Report of the Rev. Robert J. Parvin, Rector of Christ Church, Towanda, Bradford county.

Congregation, families, 37, adults, 100, children, 50, total, 150; baptisms, adults, 1, infants, 16, total, 17; communicants, added, 2, died or removed, 5, present number, 26; burials, 4; public services, on Sundays, 61, other days, 12, total, 73; children catechised, 30, times, monthly; Sunday school, 1, teachers, 6, pupils, 30; collections, Society for infirm and disabled clergymen, \$5 50, Episcopal fund, 5 00, Foreign missions, 10 00, Domestic missions, 5 00, other purposes, 10 20; total, \$35 70.

Above you have my report of ministerial duty at Christ Church, Towanda. I took charge of that church, September 12, 1847, from which time it has been 'self-supporting.' An increasing interest is taken in the church, which I trust may redound to the glory of God in the good of men. I was admitted by you to deacon's orders on the 27th of June last. From that time to the 12th of September, I was engaged in the city of Philadelphia. Have officiated in all since my ordination 100 times, preached 90 times.

Report of the Rev. W. S. Perkins, Rector of St. James' Church, Bristol.

Congregation, families, 70; baptisms, adults, 7, infants, 9, total, 16; confirmed, 9; communicants added, 10, present number, 73; marriages, 4; burials, 15; public services, on Sundays, 104, other days, 60; Sunday school, 1, scholars, 80, teachers, 16; collections for benevolent purposes, \$75 00.

Report of the Rev. Wm. Preston, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburg, Allegheny county.

Congregation, families, 108; baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 35; total, 36; communicants added, 35; died or removed, 22; present number, 204; marriages, 6; burials, 27; children catechised, times, 2; Sunday schools, 2; teachers, 27; pupils,

340; Bible class, 1; members, about 60; collections, Episcopal fund, \$40 00; other objects, \$322 00; total, \$362 00.

Several contributions have been made by the congregation to aid in the erection of churches in feeble parishes; and very gratifying progress has likewise been made in the removal of the church debt. The spiritual interests of the parish, I also consider as at present more than usually encouraging. Twelve young persons have during the year been added to our communion from the *S. School*, and others furnish very gratifying evidence of a disposition to seek early in life "those things which are above."

Report of the Rev. A. Prior, Rector of St. David's Church, Manayunk, Philadelphia County.

Congregation, about 400; baptisms, infants, 40; confirmed, 7; communicants added, 8; removed, 4; present number, 60; marriages, 12; burials, 40; public services, on Sundays, 96; other days, 10; total, 106; children catechised, 140; times, 8; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 8; pupils, 100; female, 1; teachers, 11; pupils, 90; total, schools, 2; teachers, 19; pupils, 190; Bible class, 1; members, 14; collections, Missionary and other purposes, \$54 00.

Report of the Rev. Thomas H. Quinan, Rector of the Church of the Evangelists, Southwark, Philadelphia County.

Congregation, families, 121; baptisms, adults, 5; infants, 79; total, 84; confirmed, 12; communicants added, 21; died or removed, 58; present number, 205; marriages, 25; burials, 44; public services, on Sundays and other days, 142; Sunday school, pupils, 285; teachers, 25; collections, \$136 10.

The church is *entirely* free from debt, the last dollar due having been liquidated by the "Ladies' Sewing circle" through means of their sales.

By the wish of the congregation of the Church of the Evangelists, and from the conviction of its friends that free seats without endowment are deceptive in the offer both as to truth or permanency, the pews are now rented. The charge is so moderate as still to keep the Church in the hands of many of those for whom it was originally designed. The sittings are lower in

price than in any Church in this city, expecting to derive its full support from this means. The result is a known and steadfast congregation; stronger identity on the part of the people with the church; more working material; and a larger support from the people, than was ever before derived from them. Its revenue however still falls short of what is needed, though it is hoped that time and a larger church, may remove this difficulty without increasing the rates. The Rector labours as hitherto beyond his proper charge, and the Church thus retains much of its original missionary character.

Report of the Rev. J. Reynolds, Rector of Trinity Church, Carbondale, Luzerne County.

Congregation, families, 30; adults, 60; children, 60; total, 120; baptisms, 7; confirmed, 3; communicants, 30; marriages, 2; burials, 5; public services, on Sundays, 100; other days, 15; total, 115; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 4; scholars, 20; Bible class, 1; members, 7; collections, Episcopal fund, \$4 75; Convention fund, \$1 00; Missionary Societies, \$3 00; other purposes, \$100 00; total, \$108 75.

The congregation is somewhat reduced in consequence of the removal of several families from the town. The Sunday attendance is still encouraging, and could Missionary aid be afforded so as to enable the minister to visit some places in the neighborhood, the Church would not only be sustained, but considerably extended. May the Lord inspire the disposition to render the requisite assistance.

Report of the Rev. John Rodney, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, Philadelphia County.

Communicants added, 35; died, removed, &c., 14; total, 160; baptisms, adults, 14; children, 26; total, 40; confirmed, 25; funerals, 18; marriages, 4; Sunday scholars, 160; teachers, 20; congregation comprises about 500; collections and contributions, for Church and Missionary purposes, 500 00; Improvement of St. Luke's Church, 500 00; total, \$1000 00.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Randall, Deacon.

Since my ordination in April, I have preached in all, eight times, in different churches in Philadelphia and Boston; have

lectured twice ; and have read the service several times. Hoping soon to obtain some place in the vineyard of our Lord, where I may stately labour for him, I am endeavouring to prepare myself for the work by prayer, the study of the scriptures, and the writing of sermons.

Report of the Associate Rector Rev. A. B. Hard, and of the Rev. G. W. Ridgely,
Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chester, Delaware county.

Baptisms, infants, 20 ; adult, 1 ; marriages, 15 ; burials, 18 ; communicants deceased, 2 ; removed, 5 ; added, 5 ; present number, 49 ; Sunday schools, 2 ; teachers, 9 ; scholars, 80 ; contributions, Foreign Missions, \$30 00 ; Domestic do. 8 00 ; Episcopal fund, 2 47 ; Convention fund, \$2 00.

Report of the Rev. J. M. Rogers, Rector of Trinity Church, Easton, Northampton County.

Baptisms, adult, 1 ; infants, 15 ; total, 16 ; confirmed, 3 ; communicants added, 6 ; died or removed, 3 ; present number, 46 ; marriages, 7 ; burials, 6 ; public services, on Sundays, 94 ; other days, 24 ; total, 118 ; children catechised, 38 ; times, each Lord's day ; Sunday schools, male, 1 ; teachers, 2 ; pupils, 18 ; female, 1 ; teachers, 4 ; pupils, 20 ; total, 2 ; schools, 2 ; teachers, 6 ; pupils, 38 ; collections, Convention fund, \$6 15 ; Missionary and other purposes, 25 69 ; total, \$625 69.

We have the last year taken up but three collections, viz., For Domestic Missions, for the Christmas fund, and for the Convention fund. We have expended the last year for repairs on our Church and parsonage, and for fully liquidating our debts about six hundred dollars: we wish now to make some repairs in the interior of our Church ; after it is done, we hope to do more for Missionary purposes. Of the above expenditure, nearly two hundred dollars were collected from friends in New York.

Report of the Rev. Peter Russell, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk, Carbon county.

Congregation, adults and children, 150 ; baptisms, infants, 14 ; total, 14 ; communicants, died or removed, 2 ; present number, 22 ; marriages, 3 ; burials, 7 ; public services, on Sundays and other days, 93 ; children catechised, every third

Sunday morning ; Sunday schools, 2 ; teachers, 9 ; pupils, 50. No collections have been made in this parish for the different societies connected with the church during the past year ; not because no interest is felt in them, but because we need all the money that can be raised here to complete our church edifice which is now being erected.

The state of the parish is much the same as when I last reported.

Report of the Rev. J. W. Shackelford, Deacon.

The Rev. J. W. Shackelford, deacon, respectfully reports, that since he was admitted to holy orders, he has regularly officiated in St. James's Church, Amesbury, Mass., during the temporary absence of the Rector.

Report of the Rev. O. Evans Shannon, Rector of Grace Church, Honesdale, Wayne county.

Prior to my resignation of the parish of Grace Church, Honesdale, which took place on Easter Monday, I preached on Sundays, 94 times, and held on other days, 37 services. I also baptized 6 infants ; solemnized 3 marriages, and attended 14 funerals. Three persons were confirmed when the Bishop visited the Church. The Sunday school was in a flourishing condition, though I am not able now to designate the number of teachers and scholars. In addition to the above services, I preached 16 times in Bethany, a small village 3 miles distant.

Report of the Rev. George Sheets, Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford township, Pa.

Baptisms, adults, 2, infants, 5, total, 7 ; communicants, about 39 ; marriages, 5 ; burials, 20 ; public service on Sunday mornings in the church, afternoons elsewhere ; collections, Episcopal fund, \$2 29, Convention Fund, 5 00, domestic missions, 54 97, total, \$62 26.

Report of the Rev. Jos. H. Smith, Jr., Rector of Calvary Church, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, 39, adults, 57, children, 50 ; baptisms, adults, 3, children, 40, total, 43 ; children received into the congregation having been baptized in private, 4 ; women

churched, the whole service being used, 2 ; confirmed, 3 ; communicants, added, 24, died, 1, removed, 2, present number, 21 ; marriages, 6 ; burials, 30 ; public services, on Sundays, 104, other days, 56 ; holy communion administered, 14 times ; children catechised, 130, times, 41 ; Sunday school, teachers, 20, scholars, 130 ; Bible class taught by the missionary has 30 members ; collections, Foreign and Domestic Missions, \$18 00, Floating Chapel of Philadelphia, 10 64, parochial purposes, 234 20 ; total, \$262 84.

The fund now at command for building the Free Church, which is to be the monument to the memory of Bishop White, amounts to somewhat over seven thousand dollars.

Through the continued blessing of God upon our applications for the necessary means, we hope to begin the erection of the church early next year.

Report of the Rev. Richard Smith, Mercer county.

Public services on Sundays at different places, 57 ; on week days, 15 ; read prayers, &c., additional, 10 times ; baptized 6 children, witnessed the baptism of one adult in this county, attended two convocations, administered the sacrament twice.

Communicants at Trinity Church, New Castle, about 15, at Mercer, 7, at West Greenville, 4, total, 26. I have received nineteen dollars, and applied it to the following purposes. Convention fund, \$6 00, disabled clergymen's fund, 6 00, to the Advancement Society, 4 00, to the parish library, 2 00, to the Female Prayer Book Society, 1 00.

Having been absent from the state with leave, I last July, returned and located in Mercer county, and by the authority and direction of the Bishop, have been giving services at different places as my health would allow.

I organized a new parish on Easter Monday last, at New Castle, with favorable prospects, and am encouraged much in other places.

Report of the Rev. H. S. Spackman, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Frankford.

Baptisms, infants, 19 ; communicants, added, 5, died or removed, 11, present number, 43 ; marriages, 6 ; burials, 9 ; public services, on Sundays, 116, other days, 18, total, 134 ;

children catechised, about 80, times, 6 ; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers, 5, pupils, 77 ; female, 1, teachers, 10, pupils, 91 ; total, schools, 2, teachers, 15, pupils, 168 ; collection, Convention fund, \$2 07.

Since my last report the basement of the church has been prepared for the reception of the Sunday schools. An organ of eight stops, built by Mr. Standbridge of the city of Philadelphia, has been purchased, and a convenient gallery for the accommodation of the instrument and the choir erected. The expenses attending these improvements have prevented my asking the extension of the liberality of the congregation to objects without the parish.

Report of the Rev. T. A. Starkey, Missionary, Pottsville, Schuylkill County.

Since the date of my last report, the missionary operations in this portion of the coal region have been conducted with a view to the permanent establishment of the church, in such localities as might seem most favorable. The mission at Woodside has been discontinued for two reasons mainly ; first, because of its distance from the centre of operations, which prevented my giving to it the attention necessary to carry it on successfully ; and secondly because it seemed to offer no prospect of being a self-supporting station within a reasonable time. Instead of Woodside I have thought it best to give my attention to Mount Laffee, a mining village, four miles from Pottsville, where there is within the circuit of two miles a very large Protestant population without religious services, and where I have the assurance from those most interested, that a church shall be built during the next year.

The services at St. Clair have been regularly conducted during the past year, and early in the spring circumstances appearing to warrant it, a church was organised under the name and title of the "Church of the Holy Apostles." An effort is now being made to obtain the means necessary for the erection of a church, and it is believed that with one capable of seating 350 persons, St. Clair and Mount Laffee would together support a clergyman without any foreign aid. I am happy in being able to say, that a religious feeling is manifesting itself amongst some who attend our services.

During the year, connected with the mission there have been 38 baptisms, all children, one child baptized in private, has been received into church; one woman has been church-ed; there have been 12 marriages and 12 burials.

I take the liberty of repeating what I said in my last report, that there is an abundant field, and most pressing need for the services of at least two other missionaries in this coal region.

Report of the Rev. K. J. Stewart, Rector of Trinity Church, Connellsville,
Fayette co.

Congregation, families, 42, adults, 106, children, 92, total, 198; baptisms, adults, 1, infants, 4, total, 5; confirmed, 10; communicants, added, 2, died or removed, 1, present number, 31; marriages, 3; burials, 4; public services, on Sundays, 97, other days, 103, total, 200; children catechised, times, 27; Sunday schools, male and female, 2, teachers, 11, pupils, 75; Bible class, 1, members, 11; collections, Missionary and other purposes, \$96 80.

Report of the Rev. N. Stem, Rector of St. John's Church, Norristown, Mont-
gomery co.

Congregation, families, about 100; baptisms, infants, 12; communicants, added, 11; died or removed, 5, present number, 126; marriages, 15; burials, 29; public services, on Sundays, 105, other days, 35; total, 140; Sunday schools, 1, teachers, 32, pupils, 200; collections, Episcopal fund, \$7, Convention fund, 5, Missionary and other purposes, 150; total, \$162 00.

The Rector deems it proper to remark that a large proportion of the burials above reported, were without the congregation,—he has also the pleasure of stating that the general aspect of affairs in the parish are of a decidedly encouraging character.

Report of the Rev. Samuel C. Stratton.

Since the last Convention, I have officiated on 54 occasions, preached 36 sermons, baptized 3 children, administered the holy communion once in private to a sick person, assisted publicly in its administration 11 times, married 1 couple, instructed

on one occasion a Bible class, participated in the examination of two candidates for orders, was present at the admission of two persons to priest's orders, made 10 visits to the sick, and attended 6 funerals.

Report of the Rev. William L. Suddards, Rector of St. Peter's and St. Paul's Church, Chester co.

During the past year, I have resigned the parish of Bangor Church, Churchtown, and accepted calls to the parishes of St. Peter's and St. Paul's in the valley of Chester county. I have preached 104 times, buried 5 persons, married 2 couples, and baptized 3 infants.

In consequence of not receiving from my predecessor, any list of communicants, I am unable at the present time to specify their precise number. The parish of St. Peter's, is making an important addition to the parsonage, which will render it a comfortable and commodious dwelling.

Report of the Rev. Wm. Suddards, Rector of Grace Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, 235; adults, 576; children, 590; total, 1166; baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 48; total, 51; confirmed, 13; communicants added, 18; died or removed, 34; present number, 514; marriages, 25; burials, 23; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 100; total, 204; children catechised monthly; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 20; pupils, 148; female, 1; teachers, 34; pupils, 315; total, schools, 2; teachers, 54; pupils, 463; Bible classes, 3; members, 38; collections, Episcopal fund, \$150 00; Convention fund, 50 00; Missionary and other purposes, 3000 00; total, \$3200 00.

Report of the Rev. M. R. Talbot, Chaplain in the Navy of the United States.

Since my last report, I have not been called into active duty by the Government. My time has been occupied in preaching and otherwise assisting my ministerial brethren. I have also baptized several children.

Report of the Rev. Charles West Thompson, Rector of Calvary Church, Rockdale, Delaware county.

Baptisms, all infants, 6; communicants added, 5; died, 1;

present number, 50 ; marriages, 2 ; burials, 1 ; public services, on Sundays, 32 ; children catechised, 3 times ; Sunday school, teachers, male, 5 ; female, 9 ; total, 14 ; scholars, male, 47 ; female, 38 ; total, 95 ; Bible class, members about 20 ; collections, Convention fund, \$5 00 ; Episcopal fund, 5 00 ; other purposes, 50 00 ; total, \$60 00.

The present Rector took charge of the parish early in January of the present year ; the above report embraces his services between that period and the meeting of the Convention.

Report of the Rev. Henry Tullidge, Rector of St. John's Church, Pequea,
Chester county.

Congregation, families, 65 ; adults, 157 ; children, 135 ; total, 292 ; baptisms, infants, 2 ; communicants added, 3 ; died, 1 ; present number, 54 ; marriages, 3 ; burials, 3 ; public services, on Sundays, 62 ; other days, 5 ; total, 67 ; Sunday school, 1 ; teachers, 7 ; pupils about 40 ; children catechised, every Sunday in the Sunday school during the summer. Collections, for Domestic Missions, \$10 00 ; Foreign Missions, 7 00 ; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, 6 00 ; Bishop White Prayer Book Society, 3 25 ; Episcopal fund, 4 18 ; Convention fund, 3 50 ; total, \$33 93.

The prospects of this church were never more encouraging than at present. The congregation during the past year was much larger than during the year previous, and I think more interest was manifested in the services. There has been an improvement in the contributions to church objects, which we trust will not be receded from, but increased in years to come. During the winter, upwards of \$400 00 was raised by subscription for the purchase of a new and excellent organ which has already proved an invaluable help in the sacred work of praising God.

Report of the Rev. George Upfold, D. D. Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburg,
Allegheny county.

Baptisms, adult, 1 ; infants, 54 ; total, 55 ; communicants added, 18 ; died or removed, 20 ; present number, 218 ; marriages, 12 ; burials, 25 ; public services, on Sundays, 100 ; other days, 49 ; total, 149 ; children catechised, 20 ; Sunday schools, male, 1 ; teachers, 6 ; pupils, 60 ; female, 1 ; teachers,

10; pupils, 100; total, schools, 2; teachers, 16; pupils, 160; collections, Episcopal fund, \$80 00; Convention fund, 20 00; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, 134 00; Missionary and other purposes, 478 00; total, \$772 00.

Report of the Rev. P. Van Pelt, Assistant Minister of the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

I have performed divine service on 45 occasions; preached 26 times; baptized 13 children; officiated at 5 funerals; solemnized 3 marriages; administered the Lord's Supper twice in private; met a Bible class on every Sunday morning since the first of October last; made upwards of 450 parochial visits; attended to my duties as Secretary of the "Board of Missions;" and, from the first of the present month, been acting as Secretary and General Agent of the Executive Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the promotion of Evangelical knowledge.

Report of the Rev. John A. Vaughan.

On the 15th of November last, the undersigned retired from the Institution for the Blind, where he had acted as Principal for nearly three years. In January he took charge of an infant parish, organized previously as the Church of the Mediator, in the south-west part of the city. Here he found a flourishing Sunday school of more than 100 scholars, (then in existence one year,) and since continued with increasing interest. An evening service had been sustained for a few weeks, nearly a year before, but had ceased when the pastor, Rev. S. A. Clark, retired from the diocese. An afternoon service was commenced on the 23d of January, and has been continued without interruption.

The following records were made by the Rev. S. A. Clark, but not as yet reported, viz. Baptisms, adult 1, children, 9; marriage, 1; burials, 3. The undersigned has baptized 5 children.

Beside the above, he has since the last Convention frequently aided in the service in several churches, and preached seventeen times.

Report of the Rev. Wm. White, Rector of St. Peter's Church, in Butler, Butler County.

Congregation, families, 46; adults, 108; children, 66; total, 174; baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 5; total, 6; confirmed, 1; communicants added, 3; died or removed, 2; present number, 51; marriages, 3; burials, 1; public services, on Sundays, 86; other days, 10; total, 96; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 3; pupils, 20; collections, Episcopal fund, \$4 20; Missionary and other purposes, 38 22; total, \$42 42.

Report of the Rev. C. Wiltberger, Rector of Grace Church, Hulmeville; St. Luke's Church, Newtown; St. Andrew's Church, Yardleyville; and Trinity Church, Centreville, Buck's County.

GRACE CHURCH, HULMEVILLE.

Congregation, families, 13; adults, 45; children, 20; total, 65; communicants, removed, 1; present number, 15; public services, on Sundays, 18; other days, 2; total, 20; collection, Convention fund, 40 cents; Sunday school teachers, 7; pupils, 20.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, NEWTOWN.

Congregation, families, 15; adults, 50; children, 20; total, 70; communicants, removed, 1; present number, 8; public services, on Sundays, 22; other days, 4; total, 26; collection, Convention fund, 68 cents; Sunday school, teachers, 6; pupils, 30.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, YARDLEYVILLE.

Congregation, families, 16; adults, 50; children, 20; total, 70; communicants, removed, 4; added, 2; present number, 12; baptisms, adult, 1; children, 3; total, 4; burials, 1; marriages, 5; confirmations, 2; Sunday school, teachers, 6; pupils, 30; public services, on Sundays, 31; other times, 22; total, 53.

TRINITY CHURCH, CENTREVILLE.

Congregation, families, 9; adults, 30; children, 20; total, 50; communicants, died or removed, 2; added, 1; present number, 7; confirmed, 1; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 40; public services, on Sundays, 25; other days, 3; total, 28.

During several months of the past year I was from home as an Agent of the Pennsylvania Colonization Society, at which time my pulpits were mostly supplied by my brethren of the Clergy, particularly the Rev. Samuel C. Stratton. In spiritual matters, I have been much encouraged; in temporals, much discouraged.

Report of the Rev. T. C. Yarnall, Rector of St. Mary's Church, West Philada.

Congregation, families, 40; adults, 100; children, 112; total, 212; baptisms, infants, 8; total, 8; confirmed, 3; communicants added, 5; died, 1; removed, 23; present number, 84; marriages, 5; burials, 6; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 25; total, 129; children catechised, about 40; times, 4; Sunday schools, 2; teachers, 9; pupils, 87; collections, Episcopal fund, \$25 10; Convention fund, 9 88; other purposes, 282 85; total, \$317 83.

Report of the Rev. E. Woodward, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent, and St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook, Chester County.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, WEST VINCENT.

Congregation, families, 60; communicants added, 2; present number, 62; marriages, 2; burials, 2; public services, on Sundays, 50; other days, 2; in school houses, 12; total, 64; Sunday school, 1; collections Convention fund, \$3 16; Missionary and other purposes, \$10 00; total, \$13 16.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, HONEYBROOK.

This Congregation is composed of about 60 families, and parts of families; communicants added, 1; present number, 33; public services, on Sundays, 45; other days, 1; in school-houses within the bounds of the parish, 5; total, 51; collection for Domestic Missions, \$5 00.

In the month of March last, I accepted a call from the Vestry of St. Mary's Church, Warwick Township, to the Rectorship of that parish, and commenced my labours accordingly on the second Sunday in April. I have since occupied that Church in connection with St. Andrew's. St. Mark's being supplied by the Rev. James A. Woodward.

Report of the Rev. C. B. Wyatt, Rector of St. James the Less' Church, Philadelphia county.

Congregation, about 200; baptisms, infants, 3; adults, 3; total, 6; confirmed, 16; communicants added, 16; present number, 35; burials, 2; public services, on Sundays, 21; other days, 17; total, 38; children catechised every Sunday by the Rector; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 50; female, 1; teachers, 9; pupils, 60; collections, Missionary and other purposes, \$308 25.

Report of the Rev. H. Hastings Weld, Rector of St. James' Church, Chester co.

Congregation, families, 27; adults, 75; children, 60; total, 135; baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 5; total, 6; confirmed, 3; communicants added, 6; removed, 3; present number, 20; burials, 5; public services on Sundays, 97; in a neighbouring vacant parish, and at Missionary stations, 14; other days, 11; total, 132; children catechised, 50; times, 11; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 3; pupils, 22; female, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 38; total, schools, 2; teachers, 9; pupils, 60; collections, Episcopal fund, \$2 00; Domestic Missions, 3 00; Books for Sunday school, 12 50; Communion and other purposes, 10 50; Parochial expenses, 56 00; total, \$84 00.

The collections are in this Church an important item in paying the salary of the Rector, and the ordinary expenses, as the pew rents are insufficient. In addition to the punctual payment of the pew rent, and to the above collections, there have been raised in the parish one hundred dollars toward the extinguishment of the debt on the church building: and a most commendable spirit exists in favor of speedily removing the remainder: an object in which we have been much encouraged by our friends of different denominations, resident in the village: while to the support of the Rector, the Missionary Society of St. Philip's Church, Philadelphia, contributes a sum equal to that raised in the parish. Altogether there is abundant reason with us to be grateful in hope.

This Report was received too late for insertion in its proper place.

Report of the Rev. G. W. Natt, Rector of St. John's Church, Bellefonte, Centre co.

Congregation, adults, 74, children, 80 ; total, 154 ; baptisms, adults, 6, infants, 12 ; total, 18 ; communicants, added, 7, removed, 5, present number, 34 ; marriages, 3 ; burials, 4 ; public services, on Sundays, 108, other days, 69 ; total, 177 ; children catechised, about 40, monthly ; Sunday school, teachers, 5, pupils, 40 ; collections, Episcopal fund, \$4, Society for Adv. Christianity, 13, Missionary and other purposes, \$140 80.

LIST OF THE CONGREGATIONS
OF THE
DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Adams County.

Christ church, Huntingdon township.

Allegheny County.

Trinity church, City of Pittsburg.

St. Andrew's church, City of Pittsburg.

Christ church, Allegheny.

St. John's church, Lawrenceville.

St. Paul's church, Laceyville.

Armstrong County.

St. Paul's church, Kittaning.

Trinity church, Freeport.

Beaver County.

Georgetown church, Georgetown.

St. Paul's church.

St. Peter's church, Beaver Falls.

Berks County.

St. Gabriel's church, Morlatten.

Christ church, Reading.

St. Thomas' church, Morgantown.

Bradford County.

St. Matthew's church, Pike.

Christ church, Towanda.

St. Paul's church, Troy.

Bucks County.

St. James the Greater's church.

St. Luke's church, Newtown.

St. Andrew's church, Yardleyville.

Grace church, Hulmeville.

Trinity church, Centreville.

St. Paul's church, Doylestown.

Butler County.

St. Peter's church, Butler.

Carbon County.

St. Mark's church, Mauch Chunk.

Centre County.

Trinity church, Phillipsburg.

St. John's church, Bellefonte.

Chester County.

St. John's church, New London township.

St. Mary's church, Warwick township.

St. Peter's church, Great Valley.

St. John's church, Pequea.

St. Paul's church, West Whiteland township.

St. Andrew's church, West Vincent.

St. Mark's church, Honeybrook.

Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester.

St. Peter's church, Phoenixville.

St. James' church, Downingtown.

Columbia County.

St. Gabriel's church, Sugarloaf township.

St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg.

Christ church, Madison, Jerseytown.

Christ church, Danville.

Trinity church, Orangeville.

Crawford County.

Christ church, Meadville.

Cumberland County.

St. John's church, Carlisle.

Dauphin County.

St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg.

Delaware County.

St. Paul's church, Chester.

St. Martin's church, Lower Chichester township, Marcus Hook.

St. John's church, Concord township.

St. David's church, Newtown township, Radnor.

Calvary church, Rockdale.

Erie County.

St. Paul's church, Erie.

St. Peter's church, Waterford.

Fayette County.

Christ church, Brownsville.

Grace church, Menallen.

St. Peter's church, Uniontown.

Trinity church, Connelville.

Huntingdon County.

St. John's church, Huntingdon.

Christ church, Holidaysburg.

Indiana County.

St. Peters' church, Blairsville.

Lancaster County.

St. James' church, Lancaster.

Christ church, Leacock.

Bangor church, Caernarvon township, Churchtown.

All Saints' church, Paradise.

Luzerne County.

St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre.

Trinity church, Carbondale.

Lycoming County.

St. James' church, Muncy.

St. Mary's church, Jersey Shore.

Christ church, Williamsport.

Mifflin County.

St. Mark's church, Lewistown.

Montgomery County.

St. Thomas' church, Whitemarsh township.

St. James' church, Perkiomen township.

St. John's church, Norristown.

Christ church, Pottstown.

Swedes' church, Upper Merion.

Northampton County.

Trinity church, Easton.

Northumberland County.

St. Matthew's church, Sunbury.

Philadelphia County.

Christ church, Philadelphia.
 St. Peter's church, Philadelphia.
 St. James' church, Philadelphia.
 St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.
 St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.
 St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.
 Grace church, Philadelphia.
 Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.
 St. Luke's church, Philadelphia.
 Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.
 Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia.
 St. John's church, Northern Liberties.
 Advent church, Northern Liberties.
 St. Mark's church, Moyamensing.
 All Saints' church, Moyamensing.
 Church of the Evangelists, Southwark.
 Trinity church, Southwark.
 Church of the Messiah, Southwark.
 Gloria Dei church, Southwark.
 Church of the Crucifixion.
 St. Philip's church, Spring Garden.
 Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden.
 Church of the Redemption, Spring Garden.
 Church of the Messiah, Port Richmond.
 St. James' church, Kingsessing.
 St. Matthew's church, Francisville.
 St. James the Less church, North Penn township.
 All Saints' church, Lower Dublin township.
 Emanuel church, Holmesburg.
 Trinity church, Oxford township.
 St. Mark's church, Frankford.
 St. Luke's church, Germantown.
 St. Mark's church, Mantua, Blockley township.
 Emanuel church, Kensington.
 St. Mary's church, West Philadelphia.
 St. David's church, Manayunk.

Schuylkill County.

Trinity church, Pottsville.

St. James' church, Schuylkill Haven.

St. Paul's church, Minersville.

Susquehanna County.

St. Andrew's church, Springville.

St. Mark's church, New Milford.

St. Paul's church, Montrose.

Tioga County.

St. Paul's church, Wellsborough.

Christ church, Blossburg.

Washington County.

Trinity church, Washington.

Wayne County.

Grace church, Honesdale, Dyberry Parish.

Truth church, Bethany.

St. John's church, Salem.

Westmoreland County.

Christ church, Greensburg.

York County.

St. John's church.

LIST OF THE CLERGY

CANONICALLY RESIDENT IN THE DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

MAY 18th, 1848.

The Right Rev. Alonzo Potter, D. D., LL. D., Bishop, Philadelphia.

Rev. Joseph Adderly.

Rev. William Adderly, Missionary at Fallstown, and St. Paul's, Beaver county.

Rev. Thomas G. Allen, Missionary in the city and county of Philadelphia.

Rev. Frederick W. Beasley, Rector of All Saints' church, Lower Dublin, and Christ Chapel, Oak Grove. P. O., Bridgewater, Bucks county.

Rev. James Bonnar, Philadelphia.

Rev. William H. Bourns, Rector of Emanuel church, Holmesburg, Philadelphia county.

Rev. Samuel Bowman, D. D., Rector of St. James' church, Lancaster.

Rev. George Boyd, D. D., Rector of St. John's church, N. Liberties, Philadelphia.

Rev. Charles Breck, Missionary at Wellsboro', Tioga county.

Rev. Edw. Y. Buchanan, Rector of Christ church, Leacock, and All Saints' church, Paradise, Lancaster county. P. O., Paradise.

Rev. Levi Bull, D. D., Rector of Bangor church, Churchtown, and St. Thomas' church, Morgantown. P. O., Marsh, Chester county.

Rev. Wm. M. Carmichael, D. D., Rector of Christ church, Meadville, Crawford county.

Rev. T. S. Carpenter, Missionary in Lancaster county. P. O., East, Lancaster county.

Rev. John A. Childs, Rector of St. David's, Radnor.

Rev. Samuel A. Clark, Rector of the Church of the Advent, N. L. Philadelphia.

Rev. Wm. J. Clark, Rector of Christ church, Williamsport.

Rev. Jehu C. Clay, D. D., Rector of the Swedes' church, Gloria Dei, Southwark.

Rev. J. B. Clemson, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester.

Rev. Wm. Clotworthy, Missionary in Philipsburg and Clearfield county. P. O., Philipsburg.

Rev. J. Howland Coit, Rector of St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg.

Rev. John Coleman, D. D., Rector of Trinity church, Philadelphia.

Rev. John B. Colhoun, M. D., residing in Philadelphia.

Rev. Asa S. Colton, Rector of St. Matthew's church, Pike, Bradford county.

Rev. Wm. C. Cooley, Rector of Trinity church, Pottsville.

Rev. Samuel Cowell, Rector of Christ church, Brownsville.

Rev. Thomas Crumpton, Rector of Christ church, Allegheny. P. O., Pittsburg.

Rev. Robert Davis, residing in Philadelphia.

Rev. Thos. J. Davis, Philadelphia.

Rev. Wm. N. Diehl, Missionary at Whitemarsh, Montgomery county. P. O., Germantown.

Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D. D., Rector of Christ church, Philadelphia.

Rev. Benjamin J. Douglass, Deacon, assisting the Rector of St. Matthew's church, Francisville.

Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, residing in Philadelphia.

Rev. William Douglass, Rector of St. Thomas' (African) church, Philadelphia.

Rev. G. C. Drake, Rector of St. James' church, Schuylkill Haven.

Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, D. D., Rector of St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.

Rev. Chas. M. Dupuy, residing in Philadelphia.

Rev. Geo. E. Durborow, Missionary at the Church of the Redemption, Philadelphia.

Rev. Heman Dyer, President of Western University.

Rev. Rees C. Evans, Minister of Zion church, Tuscarora, Schuylkill county.

Rev. Geo. C. Fields, Minister of St. John's church, Huntingdon.

Rev. Wm. Flint, M. D., Rector of St. Paul's church, Erie, Erie county.

Rev. James H. Fowles, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

Rev. Kingston Goddard, Rector of the Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia.

Rev. Caleb T. Good, residing in Philadelphia.

Rev. Richard D. Hall, residing in Philadelphia.

Rev. Anson B. Hard, Rector of St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook.

Rev. Nathaniel Sayre Harris, Rector of the Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden.

Rev. G. Emlen Hare, D. D., Rector of St. Matthew's church, Francisville, Philadelphia county, and Principal of the Protestant Episcopal Academy, Philadelphia.

Rév. Samuel Hazlehurst, Rector of the Church of the Messiah, Port Richmond.

Rev. Henry T. Hiester, Rector of St. Mark's church, Lewistown, Mifflin county.

Rev. William J. Hilton, Missionary at Kittaning and Freeport, Armstrong county.

Rev. William S. Hinds, Philadelphia.

Rev. John W. Hoffman, Rector of St. John's church, York, York county.

Rev. George P. Hopkins, Missionary at Doylestown, and parts adjacent. P. O., Germantown.

Rev. Marmaduke Hirst, Missionary at Minersville, Schuylkill county.

Rev. M. A. De Wolfe Howe, Rector of St. Luke's church, Philadelphia.

Rev. Benj. S. Huntington, P. O., Village Green, Delaware.

Rev. B. Hutchins, Philadelphia.

Rev. Joseph Jaquett, residing in Philadelphia.

Rev. Edward C. Jones, officiating as Missionary in Southwark.

Rev. Norris M. Jones, Rector of St. Peter's church, Uniontown.

Rev. John J. Kerr, Philadelphia.

Rev. George Kirke, Rector of St. John's church, New London X Roads, and officiating also at West Marlborough, Chester county. P. O., Downingtown, Chester county.

Rev. Freeman Lane, Troy, Bradford county.

Rev. Edmund Leaf, Rector of Christ church, Pottstown, Montgomery county, and St. Gabriel's church, Douglassville, (Morlatten,) Berks county.

Rev. Edward N. Lightner, Rector of Christ (Swedes') church, Upper Merion, Montgomery county. P. O., Norristown.

Rev. John Long, Missionary at Montrose, and New Milford, Susquehanna county.

Rev. Milton C. Lightner, Rector of Christ church, Danville, Columbia county.

Rev. Samuel T. Lord, residing at Meadville.

Rev. James G. Lyons, LL.D., Philadelphia.

Rev. John H. Marsden, Rector of Christ church, Adams county. P. O., York Springs.

Rev. B. Augustus Marple, Rector of St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg, Columbia county.

Rev. John Gordon Maxwell, Rector of Emanuel church, Kensington, Philadelphia.

Rev. Edward Mendenhall, Missionary at Salem, Wayne county.

Rev. Tobias Harper Michell, M.D., Missionary at Waterford, Erie county.

Rev. Geo. D. Miles, Rector of St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre.

Rev. Daniel S. Miller, Rector of St. Jude's church, Spring Garden, Philadelphia.

Rev. George Mintzer, Rector of St. James' church, Perkiomen, Montgomery county. P. O., Perkiomen Bridge.

Rev. Richard U. Morgan, D. D., Rector of Christ church, Reading.

Rev. Henry E. Montgomery, Rector of All Saints' church, Moyamensing.

Rev. B. Wistar Morris, Rector of St. Matthew's church, Sunbury.

Rev. Henry J. Morton, D. D., Rector of St. James' church, Philadelphia.

Rev. J. P. Nash, Rector of St. Peter's church, Phœnixville.

Rev. G. W. Natt, Rector of St. John's church, Belle Fonte, Centre county.

Rev. E. Neville, D. D., Rector of St. Philip's church, Philadelphia.

Rev. Richard Newton, Rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

Rev. W. H. Norris, Rector of St. John's church, Carlisle.

Rev. William H. Odenheimer, Rector of St. Peter's church, Philadelphia.

Rev. Frederick Ogilby, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.

Rev. Thomas J. Parvin, Rector of Christ church, Towanda.

Rev. William S. Perkins, Rector of St. James' church, Bristol.

Rev. William Preston, Rector of St. Andrew's church, Pittsburgh.

Rev. Azariah Prior, Rector of St. David's church, Manayunk, Philadelphia county.

Rev. Thomas H. Quinan, Rector of the Church of the Evangelists, Philadelphia.

Rev. Samuel Randall, Deacon, Philadelphia.

Rev. John Reynolds, Rector of Trinity church, Carbondale.

Rev. Greenbury W. Ridgely, Rector of St. Paul's church, Delaware county.

Rev. John Rodney, Jr., Rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.

Rev. J. M. Rogers, Rector of Trinity church, Easton.

Rev. Peter Russell, Missionary at Mauch Chunk, Carbon co.

Rev. J. W. Shackelford, Deacon, officiating in Massachusetts.

Rev. Owen Evans Shannon.

Rev. George Sheets, Rector of Trinity church, Oxford, Philadelphia county. P. O., Frankford, Philadelphia county.

Rev. Joseph H. Smith, Missionary in the Northern Liberties, Philadelphia.

Rev. Barclay A. Smith.

Rev. Henry S. Spackman, Rector of St. Mark's church, Frankford.

Rev. Thomas A. Starkey, Missionary in the mining districts near Pottsville.

Rev. Nathan Stem, Rector of St. John's church, Norristown.

Rev. K. J. Stewart, Missionary at Connelville and parts adjacent, Fayette county.

Rev. Samuel C. Stratton, residing in Philadelphia.

Rev. William Suddards, Rector of Grace church, Philadelphia.

Rev. William L. Suddards, Deacon, Rector of St. Paul's, West Whiteland, and St. Peter's, Great Valley.

Rev. Mortimer K. Talbot, Chaplain in U. S. Navy.

Rev. C. West Thompson, Rector of Calvary church, Rockdale, Delaware county.

Rev. Richard S. Trapier, Deacon, Philadelphia.

Rev. Henry Tullidge, Rector of St. John's church, Pequea.

Rev. George Upfold, D.D., Rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh.

Rev. Peter Van Pelt, Assistant to the Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, and Secretary of the Board of Missions, Philadelphia.

Rev. John A. Vaughan, D.D., Rector of the Episcopal Female Institute, Philadelphia, and Minister of the Church of the Mediator.

Rev. H. Hastings Weld, Rector of St. James' church, Downingtown.

Rev. William White, Missionary at Butler and parts adjacent.

Rev. Bird Wilson, D.D., LL.D., Professor in the General Theological Seminary, New York.

Rev. Christian Willberger, Jr., Rector of St. Andrew's, Yardleyville, and officiating at Centreville, Hulmeville, and Newtown, Bucks county.

Rev. Charles Williams, D.D., residing in Philadelphia.

Rev. Enos Woodward, Rector of St. Andrew's, West Vincent, and St. Mark's, Honeybrook.

Rev. James A. Woodward, Assistant Minister of St. Mark's, Honeybrook, Chester county.

Rev. Christopher B. Wyatt, Rector of St. James the Less, Penn Township, Philadelphia county.

Rev. Thomas C. Yarnall, Rector of St. Mary's church, Hamiltonville, Philadelphia county.



The foregoing list, containing the names of one hundred and twenty-nine clergymen, is corrected to this date.

ALONZO POTTER.

May 19th, 1848.

Dr.

The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in

1847.		Dolls.	C.
May 21	To cash paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Potter in full of travelling expenses on Episcopal visitations to 11 May inst.	171	77
	To cash paid the following clergymen in part of their travelling expenses in attending the Convention.		
	Rev. Joshua N. Rogers, \$ 6 00		
	" A. S. Colton, 11 50		
	" J. W. Hoffman, 4 50		
	" Wm. J. Clark, 8 00		
	" E. Mendenhall, 5 00		
	" Freeman Lane, 13 00		
	" Wm. Hilton, 15 00		
	" H. Tullidge, 2 50		
	" H. Dyer, 19 00		
	" O. Evans Shannon, 8 50		
	" Geo. C. Drake, 4 50		
	" Peter Russell, 5 00		
	" Samuel T. Lord, 20 00		
	" John Long, 11 00		
	" Wm. White, 17 00		
	" Geo. W. Natt, 10 50		
	" K. J. Stewart, 14 50		
	" C. A. Foster, 9 62		
	" Tobias H. Michell, 25 00		
	" Edmund Leaf, 2 50		
	" Enos Woodward, 1 75		
	" Edward Y. Buchanan, 2 50		
	" H. T. Heister, 7 50		
	" M. C. Lightner, 10 00		
	" Geo. Kirke, 1 25		
	" M. Hirst, 3 75		
	" S. Cowell, 15 75		
		255	12
June 2	To cash paid G. M. Wharton, Esq., Secretary of the Convention, postages, &c.,	3	00
July 13	" King & Baird for printing Journal of Convention for 1847,	179	25
Amount carried forward,		609	14

Pennsylvania, in account with Thomas Robins, Treasurer.

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1847.			Dolls.	C.
May 11	By balance per account rendered—cash in hands of the Treasurer,		90	65
13	By cash contribution, St. James' ch. Philadelphia,		54	21
14	“ “ St. Andrew's ch. “		50	00
17	“ “ Grace ch. “		63	44
	“ “ St. John's ch. N. L.		9	17
18	“ “ St. Paul's ch. Philadelphia,		25	00
	“ “ St. Philip's ch. “		50	00
21	“ “ St. Peter's ch. “		75	00
	“ “ Christ ch. Brownsville, \$ 6 00			
	“ “ Christ ch. Reading, 10 00			
	“ “ St. Martin's ch. Marcus Hook, 5 00			
	“ “ St. John's ch. Carlisle, 10 00			
	“ “ St. Paul's ch. Minersville 5 00			
	“ “ St. Mark's ch. Mauch Chunk, 2 00			
	“ “ St. John's ch. Norristown, 5 33			
	“ “ Grace ch. Hulmeville, 50			
	“ “ St. Luke's ch. Newtown, 1 17			
	“ “ St. James' ch. Schuy. Haven, 5 00			
	“ “ Trinity ch. Freeport, 3 15			
	“ “ St. Paul's ch. Kittaning, 3 81			
	“ “ Christ ch. Danville, 12 00			
	“ “ St. Mary's ch. Chester Co., 3 36			
	“ “ St. Peter's ch. Butler, 3 40			
	“ “ St. Thomas ch. Morgantown, 1 25			
	“ “ St. Paul's ch. West Whiteland, 2 00			
	“ “ St. Luke's ch. Germantown, 6 00			
	“ “ St. John's ch. Bellefont, 3 00			
	“ “ Emanuel ch. Holmesburg, 4 00			
	“ “ St. Paul's ch. Laceyville, 4 00			
	“ “ St. James' ch. Perkiomen, 5 00			
	“ “ St. James' ch. Kingessing, 5 00			
	“ “ St. John's ch. Pequa, 3 50			
	“ “ St. James' ch. Muncy, 6 66			
	“ “ St. Mark's ch. New Milford, 2 25			
	“ “ St. Paul's ch. Montrose, 75			
	“ “ Grace ch. Honesdale, 10 00			
	“ “ All Saint's ch. Philadelphia, 5 00			
	“ “ Trinity ch. Carbondale, 1 75			
	“ “ St. Paul's ch. Bradford Co., 2 50			
	“ “ St. Mary's ch. West Phila., 14 07			
	“ “ St. John's ch. Salem, 2 37			
	“ “ St. James' ch. Lancaster. 15 40			
	“ “ Christ ch. Towanda, 2 20			
	“ “ Trinity ch. Connelssville, 2 25			
	“ “ Christ ch. Williamsport, 5 17			
	“ “ Trinity ch. Easton, 6 19			
	“ “ St. John's ch. York, 2 00			
	“ “ St. Mathew's ch. Sunbury, 7 00			
	“ “ St. James' ch. Bristol, 3 37			
			198	40
	Amount carried forward,		615	87

Dr.

The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in

		Dolls.	C.
1847.	Amount carried forward,	609	14
Aug. 20	To cash paid Jos. S. Siddall for transcribing the minutes of the proceedings of the Conventions in 1846 and 1847,	25	00
Sep. 6	" R. F. Hill, Sexton of St. Andrew's church, for expenses and his services in attending the Annual Convention in May last,	33	43
Oct. 25	" G. G. Vannagenen, Treasurer of the General Convention for the quota due to that body from the Diocese of Pennsylvania, for contingent expenses,	128	00
29	" Rev. Levi Bull, his expenses as a delegate to the General Convention,	16	50
1848.			
Feb. 1	" R. F. Hill, Sexton of St. Andrew's church, for services rendered to Standing Committee, 1847,	8	00
Mar. 10	" G. D. Jones for book case per order of the Standing Committee.	28	00
22	" Wm. Murphy for services rendered per order of Secretary of Convention,	5	00
May 8	To balance on hand,	171	49
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		1024	56

We have examined the above account and found it correct.

M. A. DE WOLF HOWE. }
 JOHN WELSH, JR. } *Com. of the Standing Com.*

Pennsylvania, in account with Thomas Robins, Treasurer.

Cr.

		Dolls.	C.
1847.	Amount brought forward,	615	87
May 21	By cash contribution, St. Martin's ch. Marcus Hook,	8	00
	" " St. Paul's ch. Chester,	11	56
	" " All Saint's ch. Lancaster Co.,	7	50
	" " St. Andrew's ch. West Vincent,	2	38
	" " St. Mark's ch. Honeybrook,	2	06
	" " St. Mark's ch. Lewistown,	4	40
	" " Gloria Dei ch. Southwark,	10	00
	" " Radnor ch. Delaware Co.,	2	98
	" " Trinity ch. Oxford,	4	75
	" " St. John's ch. New London,	4	00
	" " St. Stephen's ch. Harrisburg,	13	50
	" " St. Paul's ch. Wellsboro',	5	00
	" " Christ ch. Pottstown,	3	50
	" " Advent ch. N. Liberties,	10	59
	" " St. Stephen's ch. Wilkesbarre,	12	37
	" " Trinity ch. Pittsburgh,	20	00
	" " Christ ch. Leacock,	5	00
	" " St. Peter's ch. Waterford,	1	00
	" " Trinity ch. Pottsville,	6	25
Aug. 21	" " St. James' ch. Schy. Haven,	3	65
Sep. 29	" " St. Stephen's ch. Phila.,	25	00
30	" " Grace ch. do.	25	00
Oct. 2	" " Christ ch. do.	50	00
11	" " St. Andrew's ch. do.	25	00
Nov. 2	" " St. James' ch. Lancaster,	20	00
Dec. 2	" " St. Philip's ch. Phila.,	25	00
Apr. 19	" " St. Luke's ch. do.	50	00
May 6	" " Church of Epiphany, do.	50	00
		408	49
		1024	36
8	By balance on hand,	171	49

E. E.

THOMAS ROBINS, *Treasurer.*

Philadelphia, May 8, 1848.

Dr.

Thomas Robins, Treasurer of the Convention,

			Dolls.	C.
1847.				
May 11	To balance cash in hands of Treasurer this day,		245	11
18	To cash from St. Luke's ch. Germantown,	\$10 00		
	" " St. Peter's ch. Butler,	3 50		
	" " St. John's ch. Pequa,	3 50		
	" " All Saints' ch. Philadelphia city,	8 42		
	" " St. Mary's ch. West Philadelphia,	6 09		
	" " St. James' ch. Lancaster,	20 06		
	" " St. Mark's ch. Lewistown,	6 24		
	" " Christ ch. Meadville,	8 06		
	" " Trinity ch. Pittsburg,	56 00		
Nov. 13	" " Mrs. Camac, her annual payment,			
	for 1847,	5 00		
Dec. 27	" " St. Stephen's ch. Philadelphia,	28 81		
28	" " St. James' ch. do.	50 00		
	" " Christ ch. do.	39 23		
30	" " Trinity ch. Pittsburg,	54 00		
	" " St. Mathew's ch. Sunbury,	2 50		
	" " St. John's ch. Huntingdon,	2 00		
31	" " St. Luke's ch. Philadelphia,	99 25		
	" " St. John's ch. Bellefont,	5 00		
1848.	" " Trinity ch. Easton,	11 39		
Jan. 5	" " St. James' ch. Perkiomen,	4 37		
6	" " Christ ch. Towanda,	5 50		
	" " Gloria Dei ch. Southwark,	5 00		
10	" " St. Andrew's ch. Philadelphia,	25 00		
	" " Christ ch. Danville,	10 00		
11	" " Interest on investment,		70	50
18	" " St. Paul's ch. West Whiteland,	2 00		
	" " Christ ch. Upper Merion,	3 00		
20	" " St. James' ch. Schuylkill Haven,	3 90		
28	" " Trinity ch. Southwark,	17 56		
Feb. 11	" " Mrs. F. Markoe's annual contribu'n,	5 00		
Mar. 18	" " Christ ch. Meadville,	10 00		
Apr. 24	" " Mrs. E. B. Camac annual sub.,		5	00
	" " Emanuel ch. Holmesburg,	6 05		
29	" " Church of the Atonement, Phila.,	30 00		
			546	43
			867	04
			267	04
May 9	To balance in hands of Treasurer,			

in account with the Fund, for infirm and disabled Clergymen. Cr.

1847.			Dolls.	C.
June 1	By cash paid	Rev. Robert Davis,	50	00
Aug. 11	"	" Richard Smith,	50	00
Sep. 18	"	" Samuel T. Lord,	125	00
25	"	" Robert Davis,	50	00
Nov. 23	"	" Richard Smith,	50	00
Dec. 2	"	" Robert Davis,	50	00
1848.				
Feb. 2	"	" Richard Smith,	50	00
Mar. 2	"	" Robert Davis,	50	00
Apr. 19	"	" Samuel T. Lord,	125	00
May 9	By balance in hands of Treasurer,		267	04
			867	04

E. E.
Philadelphia, May 9, 1848.

THOMAS ROBINS, *Treasurer.*

We have examined the above account, compared it with the vouchers and found it correct, the balance in the Treasurer's hands being two hundred and sixty-seven dollars four cents, and the investments fifteen hundred dollars in city five per cents.

JOHN WELSH, Jr. }
WM. H. NEWBOLD, } *Committee.*

Philadelphia, May 9, 1848.

Dr.

Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania,

			Dolls.	C.
1847.				
May 11	To Balance due the Treasurer as by his last annual account,		134	02
24	Discount upon uncurrent notes,			50
Sep. 7	Salary paid to Bishop Potter due Aug. 23,	875 00		
Nov. 23	" " on ac't, " " this date,	650 00		
Dec. 31	" " in full, " " Nov. 23,	225 00		
1848.				
Feb. 23	" " " " this date,	875 00		
May 1	" " " " May 23,	875 00		
			1750	00
9	Balance in hands of the Treasurer,		123	67
Amount carried over,			3758	19

in account with John Welsh, Jr., Treasurer.

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1847.			Dolls.	C.
	By contributions from Parishes for the Episcopal Fund :			
May 20	Trinity church, Pottsville,	10 84		
	St. Mark's church, Lewistown,	3 00		
	Christ church, Danville,	17 00		
22	Advent church, Philadelphia,	10 60		
	St. Mark's church, Mauch Chunk,	4 00		
	St. John's church, Norristown,	7 73		
	St. Peter's church, Butler,	3 00		
	St. Mary's church, Chester county,	7 46		
	St. Thomas church, Morgantown,	5 54		
	St. Pauls church, West Whiteland,	3 00		
	St. Luke's church, Germantown,	12 00		
	St. John's church, Bellefonte,	7 25		
	Emanuel church, Holmesburg,	7 10		
	St. James' church, Kingsessing,	5 00		
	Christ church, Reading,	30 00		
	St. John's church, Pequa,	3 00		
	Grace church, Honesdale,	8 00		
	All Saints' church, Philadelphia county,	8 76		
	St. James' church, Lancaster,	25 70		
	Christ church, Williamsport,	5 71		
	St. John's church, York,	10 00		
	Emanuel church, Kensington,	5 00		
	St. Mark's church, Lewistown,	3 75		
	Trinity church, Oxford,	5 41		
	St. Philip's church, Philadelphia,	50 00		
	St. Paul's church, Willsboro,	10 00		
	St. David's church, Radnor,	3 14		
	St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre,	17 05		
	St. John's church, New London,	4 00		
Aug. 20	Trinity church, Pittsburg, for 1846-7,	80 00		
Nov. 29	All Saints' church, Paradise,	7 28		
Dec. 30	St. Luke's church, Philadelphia,	32 81		
1848.				
Jan. 4	Christ church, Leacock,	3 75		
Apr. 11	Gloria Dei church, Southwark,	10 00		
19	St. Luke's church, Philadelphia,	44 57		
27	St. Mathew's church, Sunbury,	5 00		
	Mrs. M. P. Mills, Jersey Town, Columbia Co.,	50		
May 1	St. Peter's church, Butler,	\$4 20		
	less postage 20 cts., dis. 50 cts	70		
		<u>3 50</u>		
			480	45
	Special contributions towards the Bishop's salary :			
May 13	By an't from St. James' Church, Phila.,	150 00		
	" " St. Peter's " "	150 00		
June 22	" " St. Paul's " "	\$75 00		
Dec. 29	" " " " "	75 00		
		<u>150 00</u>		
			450	
	Amount carried forward,			
			930	45

Dr.

Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania,

Total Amount brought forward,	\$3758 19
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The undersigned appointed by the Standing Committee, do certify that they have examined the foregoing account, and found the same correct.

They also have examined the certificates of stock in which the fund is invested, and found the same to amount to nineteen thousand six hundred and eighty-nine dollars and thirty-six cents, (\$19,689 36.)

T. M. PETTIT,
RICH. S. SMITH.

Philadelphia, May 9, 1848.

The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania is invested in five per cent. Stock of the State of Pennsylvania, and amounts at this time to nineteen thousand six hundred and eighty-nine dollars and thirty-six cents, and in cash one hundred and twenty-three dollars sixty-seven cents.

JAMES S. SMITH,	} Trustees.
G. M. WHARTON,	
THOMAS ROBINS,	
T. M. PETTIT,	
JNO. WELSH, JR.	

Philadelphia, May 9, 1848.

in account with John Welsh, Jr., Treasurer.

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			Dolls.	C.
1847.	Amount brought forward,		930	45
Dec. 14	By am't from St. Stephen's Ch. Phila.,	\$100 00		
1848.				
Jan. 4	" " " " "	50 00		
1847.		<u>150 00</u>		
Dec. 21	" " Church of Epiphany, "	150 00		
30	" " St. Luke's " "	\$108 89		
Apr. 28	" " " " "	41 11		
		<u>150 00</u>	450	00
1848.				
Jan. 6	" " Grace " "	150 00		
Feb. 21	" " Christ " "	150 00		
Mar. 1	" " St. Andrew's " "	150 00		
May 1	" " St. Philip's, " "	100 00		
			550	00
1847.	Investments of the Episcopal Fund :			
Aug. 5	By 6 mos. int. on \$19,689 36 Penn. 5 pr. ct.	\$467 62		
	Dis. on Relief notes, \$234, at $1\frac{3}{8}$ pr. ct.	3 23		
		<u>464 39</u>		
1848.				
Feb. 2	6 months interest as above,	467 62		
	Dis. on Relief notes, \$311, at $2\frac{1}{2}$ pr. ct.	7 77		
		<u>459 85</u>	924	24
1847.	Andrew Doz Legacy, per T. H. White, Esq., Trustee.			
Aug. 10	Interest on Penn., 5 per cent. Loan,	\$35 31		
	Discount on Relief paper,	22		
		<u>35 09</u>		
Sep. 11	Ground rent from W. H. Stewart due Aug. 12,	72 00		
23	Front street property less taxes,	9 00		
1848.				
Feb. 8	Interest on Penn. 5 per cent loan,	35 31		
	Discount on Relief paper,	30		
		<u>35 01</u>		
9	Ground rent from W. H. Stewart,	72 00		
			223	10
1847.	Pilmore Legacy, &c., per Jas. S. Newbold, Esq., Treas.			
Sep. 3	By 6 months income to August 1st,	\$182 03		
	Dis. on Relief notes, \$91, at $1\frac{1}{4}$ pr. cent.	1 03		
		<u>181 00</u>		
1848.				
Mar. 8	Income to February 1st,	182 03		
	Dis. on Relief notes, \$121, at $1\frac{3}{4}$ pr. cent.	2 12		
		<u>179 91</u>	360	91
1847.	Fund for the support of the Episcopate held in trust by the Protestant Episcopal Society, for the advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, per Jas. S. Newbold, Esq., Treasurer.			
Sep. 3	By 6 months income,	160 41		
	Discount on Relief notes, \$35,	51		
		<u>159 90</u>		
1848.	Six months income,	160 41		
	Dis. on Relief notes, \$47, at $1\frac{3}{4}$ pr. cent.	82		
		<u>159 59</u>	319	49
			<u>3758</u>	<u>19</u>

JOHN WELSH, Jr., Treasurer.

Philadelphia, May 9th, 1848.

